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BATTLE OF I-75: Mens basketball falls 58-50 to rival Toledo; **PAGE 11**

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Academic teams struggle financially

Despite records, the Mock Trial and Forensics teams struggle to physically attend tournaments.

By Patrick Maynard
REPORTER

When Kenny Rogers wakes up at 4 a.m. Saturday, it will be for love of forensics and lack of money. The University's forensics (speech and debate) team has forgone hotel accommodations at Eastern Michigan's two-day tournament to keep its budget in check after a successful — and expensive — season.

"We drive up and then down and then up and then down again," Rogers said.

All the driving means a two-day cost of \$500 to \$600 dollars, said forensics advisor Paul Alday. Costs would be

thousands of dollars for hotel stays, food and registrations at a larger national-level event.

An event like the National Forensics Association tournament in Akron, which the team will not attend.

It's not for lack of qualifications.

Two weeks ago, the team received first place for a record fourth time at the Collegiate Forensics Association in Montreal. Last week, the team sent three members to the novice state championship: Two came back with first-place category wins.

The team has qualified for the Akron tournament in over 30 events.

But that's not enough.

"We're nickel and diming here," said Michelle Baker, who earned a second-place award in Informative Speaking at the CFA event. "We'd have to fund raise

like crazy."

Fundraising is a priority for another campus group for a similar reason.

Last weekend, the mock trial team's "A" team was one of three from the region to earn a bid to the national championship in Des Moines, Iowa. The "B" team will attend an event in Florida. Miami University's A and B teams earned the other two national bids.

"It's best to go to tournaments that are not in your region," said mock trial member Bethany Nanamaker. Her teammate and roommate, Allison Smith, agrees.

"With mock trial, there are very few things you'll do that are unexpected."

Smith also said many other teams make travel a priority.

"If we had the funding like Miami, we would fly out to California."

Nonetheless, says A-team Captain Kevin Minnick, the team has thrived by using cheaper and more effort-consuming methods, managing to beat Ivy League competition in the fall.

"We drove about 12 hours to New Haven the week after Thanksgiving. We broke up into groups in our cars." The group has also driven to New York, Rochester and Philadelphia out-of-pocket in attempts to find the toughest possible foes.

Minnick says the travel can be an important team-building experience.

"There's nothing to help create collaboration with people like riding a bus with them for six hours," Minnick said.

Smith notes that Miami's flight habit has not made it undefeatable.

"Miami took the top two teams [at Columbia] and we then beat them."

Both the mock trial and forensics teams rely on a combination of private donations, school money and out-of-pocket spending. Both teams compete with the spoken word, have faculty advisors, and offer the option of course credit to their members.

It's the final item that causes fund-raising difficulties for Nancy Kubasek, one of the three mock trial program volunteer advisors.

"We originally sought funding for this as a student activity," Kubasek said, "but as long as there's anyone getting course credit it can't be considered in that way."

"I think that we're considering not giving course credit for this in the future — turning this into a student activity. Donors can be a little kinder if they don't perceive it as a class," Kubasek said.

In the case of forensics, a

Greek honorary presence is also vital in paying for trips like the CFA competition, Alday said.

"What they did was put in some money to [Phi Kappa Delta] and PKD paid for some of the rail travel budget."

Kubasek says there is no easy answer.

"There are lots of different organizations that I imagine each do it a slightly different way," Kubasek said.

CLOSER TO HOME

The Forensics (speech and debate) team will hold a short home exhibition for the campus community 7 p.m. Tuesday at the McFall Center. Entry to the event is free.

Volunteers help file taxes

By Laren Weber
SENIOR REPORTER

Tax season has arrived and W-2 forms have begun flooding mailboxes. The Volunteers Income Tax Assistance is a service provided through the Internal Revenue Service that files tax returns quickly and efficiently at no cost.

The program was created by the IRS two decades ago to help individuals at a moderate or low income status of \$35,000 or less, said Richard McCray, VITA coordinator.

"It's an opportunity to help individuals who need a refund fast and efficient but don't want to pay the high costs to get it done," McCray said. "Whenever you pay a tax service to do it, that is money you could keep."

Four years ago, nine VITA sites were set up throughout the Toledo and surrounding area including one at the Wood County Senior Center and at the Pemberville Library.

The service is completely run by volunteers who are trained and certified through the IRS. Volunteers range in age from 60 all the way down to 18 years old, McCray said.

"They see a need to help the community," he said.

An advantage of using the VITA service is that individuals can have the money directly deposited into their bank accounts through the e-file systems they use.

Based on 1300 returns filed in the 2003 tax season, VITA turned \$2.2 million back to Toledo, McCray said.

Each of the nine VITA sites varies in the times they are open, so McCray suggests that individuals set up appointments to avoid confusion.

Individuals must bring with them their W-2 forms, a form of identification such as a driver's license or a social security card and a copy of the previous years return if they filed, said Gretchen Adams, site coordinator for the Wood County Senior Center and the Pemberville Library.

At the particular sites that Adams is a coordinator, she files returns for individuals with low income, those in current financial hardship, and seniors.

Current financial hardship could be defined as individuals who have been laid off or have recently lost their job, Adams said.

"They may be over the income limit, but I still take them because they are trying to conserve wherever they can," she said. "I feel bad where places charge people. Last year, H & R Block charged an individual \$50 to tell them they didn't have to file."

In recent years, the VITA sites have been using computer programs and e-file systems to complete returns, which allows them to increase the amount of people they serve, Adams said.

"Last year, we sent out 366 returns from the two sites," she said. "We already have over 100 so far."

Adams, who has been a revenue agent for the IRS for almost 30 years, was used to completing tax returns by hand and did not completely trust the computer systems at first.

After filling out her own tax return by hand and putting the data into the computer, Adams gained trust in the electronic system when both methods produced the same end result.

"It works great," she said. "It beats doing it by hand."

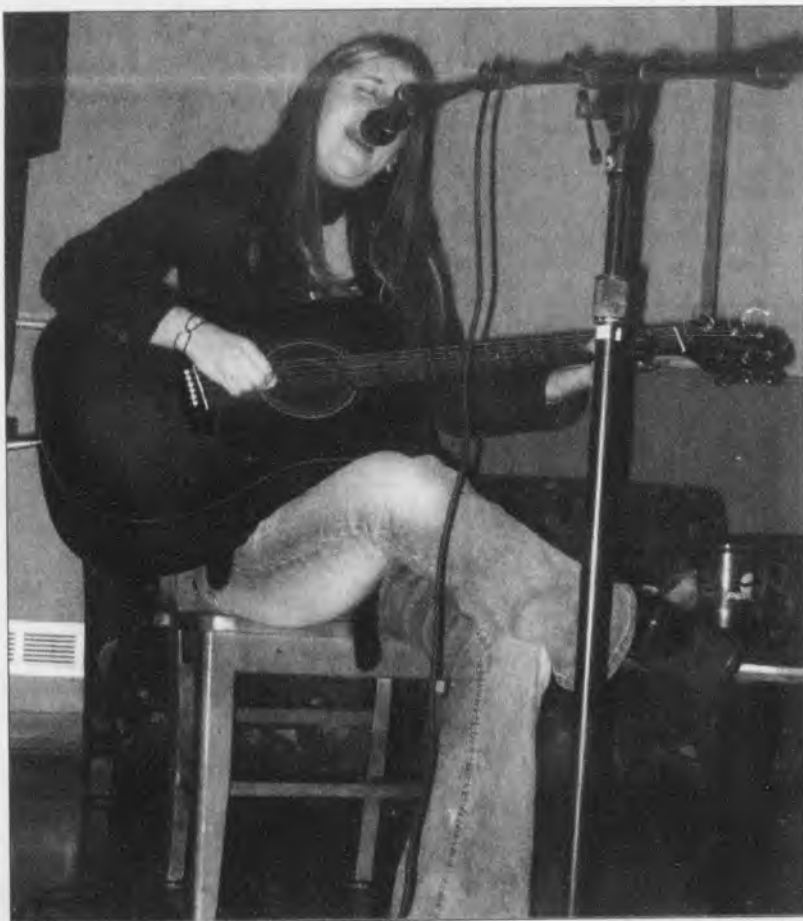
Even though people have from mid January until April 15, some individuals still wait until the last minute to file. The earlier the taxes are filed, the better, Adams said.

"You get the money and you get the headache over," she said. "Last year on the last day, I worked until midnight to get the files returned."

Adams is appreciative of the gratitude she receives from individuals who take advantage of the free service.

"It's nice to have people thank you for doing their return," she said.

KATIE



John Findling BG News

JAM SESSION: University student, singer-songwriter Katie Stanko performs last night in the Black Swamp Pub. Stanko also performs off campus at Howard's Club H.

Mid-East pressure increased

By George John
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria — The United States is lobbying allies in a bid to oust the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, perhaps as early as the end of the month, diplomats and officials told The Associated Press on yesterday.

Anticipating that present

European diplomatic efforts on Iran will fail, the diplomats and officials also told AP that Washington plans to increase pressure on Tehran over its nuclear program when the International Atomic Energy Agency meets Feb. 28.

In Tehran, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami told foreign diplomats that no

Iranian government would ever abandon the progress the country has made in developing peaceful nuclear technology.

Washington, which accuses Iran of making nuclear weapons and wants it brought before the U.N. Security Council for

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Launching plans stifled

By Leslie Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Space entrepreneurs say they believe they are on the brink of developing a vibrant tourism industry, but worry that government regulation may stifle it before it can take off.

To prevent that, they have formed a group, the Industry Consensus Standards Organization, to set standards for space fliers.

"If government regulates safety aspects of space fliers themselves, it would be tantamount to killing the industry," Michael Kelly, a group member, said at a hearing yesterday of the House Infrastructure and Transportation's subcommittee on aviation.

While acknowledging the entrepreneurial space flight will be deadly, Kelly said the industry needs the chance to learn from its mistakes.

He predicted the safety standards set by space entrepreneurs for rocket ships will work as well as the Underwriters Laboratories' stamp of approval on electrical devices.

"We believe the same stamp of approval will provide the same level of safety," Kelly said, who also is chairman of the Reusable Launch Vehicles Working Group of the Transportation Department's space advisory committee.

A law signed by President Bush in December requires that the government license launches of privately built spacecraft. It also says the Federal Aviation Administration may not issue safety regulations for passengers and crew for eight years unless specific design features or operating practices result in a serious or fatal injury.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., objects to that approach, which he said amounts to a "tombstone mentality." Oberstar has introduced a bill requiring that the FAA include in its licenses minimum safety and health standards for spacecraft passengers and crew.

"We need at least a framework of safety around commercial space travel," Oberstar said.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

FRIDAY



Snow
Showers

High: 33°
Low: 25°

SATURDAY



Partly
Cloudy

High: 38°
Low: 28°

SUNDAY



Rain
Showers

High: 41°
Low: 36°

MONDAY



Rain
Showers

High: 44°
Low: 31°

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El Baradei confidence debated, UN agency terms upheld

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possible sanctions, considers IAEA head Mohammed ElBaradei too soft on the Tehran leadership.

No U.S. comment was available on Washington's strategy for the upcoming IAEA board of governors meeting.

But several diplomats and government officials from IAEA member countries dismissed recent reports that the United States had given up attempts to unseat ElBaradei because of lack of support from other countries.

"They've been lobbying, and close friends have given them a good reception," said one of the officials familiar with the issue, who, like the others, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Another said Undersecretary of State John Bolton and other

senior State Department officials "were still lobbying the capitals, telling them it's the way to go."

With ElBaradei's agency spearheading international attempts to squelch nuclear proliferation, the head of the IAEA is a key position for Bush administration officials. They want someone who shares their views of which country represents a nuclear threat and what to do about it.

ElBaradei has challenged those views — first over prewar Iraq and then Iran, both labeled part of an "axis of evil," along with North Korea, by President Bush.

He first disputed U.S. assertions that Saddam Hussein had an active nuclear weapons program — claims that remain unproven. He then refused to endorse arguments by Washington that nuclear activities Iran claims are

meant only to generate power are actually part of a clandestine weapons program.

A direct U.S. move to oust ElBaradei failed late last year — the Americans were unable to find anyone to challenge him for a third term by the Dec. 31 deadline, shortly after calling on him to step down with his second term completed.

It remains unclear whether Washington could muster the 12 votes needed among the 35-nation IAEA board for a vote of non-confidence in ElBaradei.

Ahead of the Feb. 28 meeting, the majority is either in favor of a third term for the IAEA head or appears to be undecided. Reflecting sentiment among the latter, one diplomat said his country "had full confidence" in ElBaradei but still shared the U.S. view that no U.N. agency head

should serve past two terms.

The contacts appeared to be restricted to the high level, with Vienna-based diplomats saying the U.S. mission in Vienna pointedly refuses to discuss the issue.

In a related issue, the United States will try to redirect international focus on Iran's nuclear activities back to the IAEA by pushing for creation of a special agency committee that would deal with "problem countries," a diplomat said.

For the first time in more than two years, ElBaradei is not producing a written report on Iran for the upcoming board meeting.

While investigations continue into past and present suspicions about Iran's nuclear program, agency officials say that no major revelations meriting the need for a written report have surfaced

this time around.

But American officials suggest the lack of a written report is the latest reflection of the IAEA's failure to be tough on Iran's nuclear transgressions, which, they say merit referral of Tehran's dossier to the U.N. Security Council.

The U.S. push to create a special committee, first proposed last year by Bush, appears driven by the feeling that talks between Iran and Germany, France and Britain will fail.

Those three countries are trying to persuade Iran to agree to either scrap its plans to enrich uranium or extend its present short-term suspension to a freeze lasting for at least several years.

While the United States publicly supports the talks, officials privately say they expect them to fail, leading to renewed

enrichment activities — which can produce the fissile core of nuclear missiles — and a fresh need for the IAEA board to consider Security Council referral.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice suggested as much yesterday, telling Fox News that if the Iranians "are unwilling to take the deal, really, that the Europeans are giving ... then the Security Council referral looms."

The Europeans have promised Iran economic and technological aid in return for cooperation on the nuclear issue.

Yesterday, the Iranian president warned that if the talks fail, his government will not be bound by its undertaking to suspend enrichment.

"If other parties (to the negotiations) are not committed to their promises, we will not be committed to our promises at all," Khatami said.

Texas abuse cases on rise

By T.A. Badger

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — More than 200 Texas children died from abuse or neglect in the past fiscal year, up 11 percent from the previous year and double the number from a decade earlier, according to the state Department of Family and Protective Services.

The 2004 fatality rate — 3.3 for every 100,000 Texas children — is roughly 65 percent higher than the latest national average of 1.98 per 100,000 children from the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

"We don't have enough staff, we don't have enough investigations, we don't have enough foster homes, we don't have enough training and we don't have enough prevention," said Susan Craven, who heads the Austin-based advocacy group Texans Care for Children.

Nearly one in every five of the 204 deaths in the past fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31,

occurred in Harris County, by far the state's most populous, and which includes Houston.

In fiscal 2003, Texas had 184 child fatalities related to abuse or neglect, according to Family and Protective Services. In 1994, it was 102.

"It's disturbing to see the number of children dying."

GEOFFREY WOOLL,
SPOKESMAN

"It's disturbing to see the number of children dying from what we see as preventable child abuse," said Geoffrey Wooll, spokesman for the beleaguered agency. "The protection of children is a community interest."

Family and Protective Services was overhauled last year after several high-profile child homicides. Agency caseworkers had investigated for possible neglect or abuse, and decided the children were safe to remain with their parents.

Legislation pending in Austin calls for improving training for caseworkers and streamlining cooperation with law enforcement to bring abused children into the state system sooner.

'Astropreneurs' evolve with industry

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during the hearing.

Bush has called for NASA to return to the moon and eventually to send a spacecraft to Mars. Entrepreneurs, meantime, are working to develop spacecraft that can take regular citizens into space.

A watershed event was Burt Rutan's winning the \$10 million Ansari X Prize in October, which he accomplished by sending his SpaceShipOne rocket plane to the edge of space twice in five days.

"The genie is out of the bottle, the fuse has been lit," Peter Diamandis, X Prize founder, said in a telephone interview. "We are really at the birth of the personal space flight revolution."

Elon Musk, chairman of SpaceX, said in a telephone interview that government needs to respect the human spirit.

"If somebody understands the risks and puts their life on the line because they think it's worth it, we should applaud that," said Musk.

The company in El Segundo, Calif., plans to send a \$30 million Navy satellite into space using a small launch vehicle within the next few months.

FAA chief Marion Blakey agreed that government oversight of commercial space enterprises — "astropreneurs," she calls them — must evolve along with the industry.

"It was more than 20 years after the Wright brothers'



NASA/JPL AP Photo

SATURN'S RINGS: In this image released by NASA/JPL, a mosaic of 35 individual infrared exposures made on Feb. 4, 2004, at the W.M. Keck I Observatory, Mauna Kea, Hawaii, shows the sharpest views of Saturn.

first flight before government regulations concerning aviation were put into place," Blakey told the subcommittee, noting that modern airlines began with barnstorming aviators.

Last year, the FAA licensed the Mojave Airport in California as a launch site as a prelude to the historic SpaceShipOne flight. Blakey said the agency also is talking with Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico about their license applications for launch sites.

Starting in 2007, New Mexico's White Sands Missile

Range will be the site of the X Prize's successor, the annual X Prize Cup, which will be awarded to the winners of five categories of rocket races.

Diamandis predicts a golden age of space tourism, where hundreds and possibly thousands of paying passengers will fly to the edge of space every year.

Four months after Rutan's rocket darted into space, British entrepreneur Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic company boasts that thousands of reservations already have been

made for a ride on a spaceship modeled after SpaceShipOne — at \$200,000 a pop.

Diamandis said the cost of a personal space flight will fall because today's space entrepreneurs run such lean operations. It took 20 people to support Rutan's flight, he said, compared with the 100,000 needed for the Space Shuttle.

What's needed for the industry to flourish, he said, is balance.

"We need reasonable guidelines with the understanding that this is risky business," he said.

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STATE OF UNIVERSITY SPEECH APPROACHING
(M/COM) - Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend President Ribeau's 2005 State of the University address on Feb. 24. The speech will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen Thompson Student Union. Attendees can come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship.

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The calendar of events is taken from
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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

UAO Publicity Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Lobby

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sweets for the Sweet
Carnations and cards will be sold
by Sigma Alpha Iota
Union Lobby

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

USG Info Table
USG would like to inform students
about higher education and get
students involved with their city
representatives.
Union Lobby

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Theatre Ticket Sales
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Academic Initiatives 16th Annual
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seating and a cash bar (semi-for-
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Building

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Candy Grams Sale
Delta Sigma Pi will be selling
candy grams to raise money for the
American Heart Association Heart
Walk, and then deliver them to
residence halls on Feb. 12.
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lollipop Sales
Sigma Kappa will be selling loli-
pops to raise money for Alzheimer's
research.
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Candy Rose Sale, Sponsored by
Alpha Phi Omega
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AHA Merchandise Sale and Heart
Disease Info Table, Sponsored by
Alpha Phi
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Camp Recruiting, Sponsored by the
Career Center
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cardiac Care Week Merchandise
Sale
Alpha Phi will be selling wrist-
bands, pins, and raffle tickets for a
Bath & Body basket, with all funds
going to the Heart Walk on Feb. 12.
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship
Program
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NAACP Pageant Info Table
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m.

Heart Walk Fund raiser
CRU will be having a bake sale to
raise money for the American Heart
Association.
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BGSU Red Cross Blood Drive
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Multipurpose Room
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Catholics on Campus Week Info
Table, Sponsored by the Catholic
Newman Club
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Miracle Cards Sale
Dance Marathon will be selling
Miracle Cards from the Children's
Miracle Network to raise money for
Dance Marathon
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Carnation Sales
Zeta Phi Beta will be selling car-
nations to raise money for the
LeShanna C. Harris Scholarship.
Union Lobby

Noon

ART Talks presents...
Knights, Bishops, Kings, and
Things: Rethinking the Cloister at
the Toledo Museum of Art
Native of the Philadelphia area,
Dick Putney received his Ph.D. in
medieval art from the University of
Delaware.
Lunch at noon, Lecture at 12:30
p.m.
Room 202B

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive Info.,
Sponsored by American Red Cross
BGSU Chapter
Union Lobby

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gamma Grams, Sponsored by
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Union Lobby

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Pizza discount cards sale

Sponsored by National Student
Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc.
Union Lobby

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DM Bracelet Sales, Sponsored by
Dance Marathon
Union Lobby

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Frisbee sale, Sponsored by the
Ultimate Frisbee Club
Union Lobby

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Battle of the Bands Info Table,
Sponsored by Dance Marathon
Union Lobby

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

NAACP Pageant Info Table
Union Lobby

4:00 p.m.

Tsunami Aid Event
101 Olscamp

5 p.m.

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Exhibition
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Student Exhibition"
Union

7:00 p.m.

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8:30 p.m.

Make a Date Scholarship Auction
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9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Malagasy Artist, Richard
Razafindrakot
Malagasy Contemporary Artist
Richard Razafindrakoto is the Jane
Labino-Black artist-in-residence in
the School of Art this semester. As
part of his residency, he will give
an illustrated presentation of his
painting and installation art.
Fine Arts Center - Room 204

9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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Union, Room 201

Group addresses SAD

By Britney Lee
REPORTER

The cold, winter days can be a
little depressing for students
on campus. If you are feeling a
little sad this winter, you could
actually be suffering from
Seasonal Affective Disorder,
or SAD.

Yesterday in the Women's
Center, Cindy Puffer,
pharmacy coordinator at the
Student Health Center, spoke
to students about SAD.

"This is a perfect day for a
talk about Seasonal Affective
Disorder" Puffer said. Weather
conditions were snowy and
dark.

SAD is a type of
depression that follows the
seasons. It starts in either the
late fall or early winter, and
goes away during the summer.

Symptoms are caused
by lack of sun light, which
decreases the amount of
serotonin released into
the body. Puffer said
serotonin is a "happy
chemical" that is created
by light. The less light we
are exposed to, the more
melatonin we produce.

Puffer explained melatonin
is a chemical which causes us
to be tired. The more we are
exposed to darkness, the more
melatonin we produce instead
of serotonin, changing the
balance of chemicals in our
bodies.

"Ten million Americans
suffer from SAD, and 70 to 80
percent of those who suffer
are female," Puffer said.

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who suffer are
female."*

CINDY PUFFER, PHARMACY
COORDINATOR

Ironically, all of the students
and faculty who attended
this lunch presentation were
female, with the exception of
one male.

The main age range for
those who suffer from SAD is
18- to 30-years-old.

"Students start school right
when they are capable of
suffering from this illness,"
Puffer said.

Puffer stressed that
SAD "is an illness, not your
imagination."

Many common symptoms
of SAD are the tendency to
oversleep, difficulty
concentrating, weight gain,
guilt, irritability and change
in appetite.

"Craving carbohydrates
and sweets during the
winter months is a common
side effect, which leads to the
weight gain and the feelings
of guilt," Puffer said. "It is a
cycle."

Possible solutions were
discussed for those with SAD.

Puffer said the answer to
everything isn't always in a
pill. For this type of depression,
light therapy is an option.

A light box with special
light strength is necessary for
this treatment, and the best
results require two hours of
treatment.

"For students, two hours of
light treatment is out of the
question, because of their
busy lifestyle," Puffer said.

After consultation with a
doctor, anti-depressants and
medication are an option.

But the most convenient
way to treat SAD, Puffer said,
is to make changes in your
lifestyle.

Exercise, keeping a
regular sleep pattern,
scheduling social outings
and trying to suppress those
cravings for unhealthy foods
were all suggestions for
lifestyle changes.

"I try not to wear black and
gray during the winter; bright
colors help me," one member
of the audience said.

If you think you might be
affected by SAD or another
type of depression, the Student
Health Service Center is
available for you.

Puffer encouraged those
who thought they might be
suffering to go get checked
out.

"If it turns out that nothing
is wrong, then it didn't hurt
just to check, especially if
these are symptoms you are
suffering," Puffer said.

THE BLOTTER

**Complaints com-
plained from Monday and
Tuesday reports**

Union -

Complainant
requested to speak with
an officer in reference
to possible problem with
student employees. The
officers spoke to all stu-
dents involved about con-
sequences of improper
behavior. No further infor-
mation at this time.

Lot 16 -

Non-injury accident.
The Judas' vehicle struck
the Ayers' vehicle in the
driver's side door area
while pulling out of Lot 16
onto Merry.

Jerome Library -

Complainant
reported an unknown per-
son in the library after
hours.

Ridge Street -

Jason A. Dunlap of

Perrysburg was cited for
traffic-control device.
Court Date: 2/16/05 @
8:30 a.m.

Conklin -

Complainant advised
she was being harassed
by female visitor.

516 E. Merry St. -

Complainant reported
she received harassing
phone calls.

Lot A -

Vehicle struck on

driver's side by unknown
vehicle while parked in
Lot A. Vehicle was not at
the scene when officer
arrived.

Eppler South -

A female with an
injured ankle was trans-
ported by the Bowling
Green Fire Department to
Wood County Hospital.

Lot 6 -

Complainant advised
her vehicle was broken
into.

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Tsunami victims to be remembered

Bowling Green State University
will commemorate the lives lost
in the devastating Dec. 26
tsunami in south Asia with
a campus observance at 4
p.m. today in 101 Olscamp Hall.
The event, which is open to

the public, will include
reflections by two BGSU
graduate students

And a post-doctoral faculty
fellow, all from India, and by
local spiritual leaders from the
Buddhist, Islamic, Hindu and
Christian faiths.

Afterward, the World Student
Association will accept
donations for the American
Red Cross for tsunami relief.

The BGSU Collegiate Chorale
will perform three numbers
during the observance, which

will open and close with
the striking of the Kusuma
Sari, a bronze gong from the
University's gamelan (a group
of instruments made together).
Dr. David Harnish, an associate
professor of ethnomusicology
at BGSU, will strike the gong
11 times to symbolize the 11
countries directly affected by
the tsunami. The Kusuma Sari,
or Inner Flower, was forged in
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QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"You and I, we have both suffered in trying to spread religion around the world. I hope you regain your health in the near future."

Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot the pope in 1981, wishing him a speedy recovery in a letter from his Istanbul jail.

(newsweek.com)

OPINION

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Bush budget plan cuts too much

On Monday, President Bush presented his 2006 budget proposal. The budget, set at \$2.57 trillion, will be one of the thinnest budgets in years.

With it, over 150 government programs will be cut, and nearly a third of the to be cut are educational programs.

Even so, federal deficits will increase by \$42 billion over the next five years.

While Bush is improving his claim to care about education

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with increases to Pell Grant funding (a 10 percent boost in the budget) and No Child Left Behind, his budget figures tell a more objective truth.

Both the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security are receiving 5 and 7 percent increases in their budgets, respectively, the Department of Education's budget is getting cut by 1 percent.

While this may seem small, a 1 percent cut on a budget that frequently nears \$57 billion is significant.

The war in Iraq, combined with Bush's tax cuts, have led America

into a precarious budget position, a position that should never have been created — however, cutting the defense budget in any way, shape, or form is not an option for the United States.

We are the top military in the world because of training and technology, and there aren't many cuts that can avoid compromise these advantages.

There are not many programs left to cut further. Other departments have

suffered even larger cuts. The Energy Department will be cut 2 percent, the Environmental Protection Agency 6 percent and Agriculture 10 percent. Education is very important, but these departments — as well as Americans — have reason to be concerned about these cuts, too.

Unfortunately, there aren't many alternatives for the United States.

The small and arguably

short-term economic benefit that has come from Bush's tax cuts does not justify the incalculable long-term damage that will happen to the United States education system.

It is only through activism and making our voices heard that President Bush and the rest of Capitol Hill will be able to change the budget and create a more rational budget for the nation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Confronting guest parking for apartments

This is not a personal attack on apartment leasers, but rather a description of events that recently occurred in my life and my reaction to it.

I currently live at an apartment complex here in Bowling Green. During my move-in process, myself and my roommate were both told that we were to have visitors park their vehicles in a lot by some baseball fields behind our building. Having been told this, that is where I had my two visitors park this past Saturday night.

The next morning, both of their vehicles were towed, and I was hit with a \$171 bill for the tow.

What is the explanation for this tow that was given by the representative from the company?

The response was, "I never told you that — that is our property and you will be towed."

The representative then explained to me that she really meant that it was just for move-in dates, and move-out dates. This was never part of the conversation before hand, but I guess it was to be known by some means other than what were given to me. So basically, I was told that I am to pay a bill for doing what was asked of me.

Is this fair? No.
Is it ethical? No.

This has led me to ponder the parking situation off-campus. Having this event happen has made me realize something that I did not before, and that is the question: "Where are our guests supposed to park?"

This is not only a problem here at my complex, but also with others I have spoken with. At most places, there is no visitor parking on the streets nearby, and there's not visitor parking provided at the complex.

So what are we to do? I do not think it is right to tell the people paying you about \$7,200 a year they are not allowed to have visitors.

I do understand from a business perspective that it is their top responsibility to make a profit and to keep complaints

from their tenants to a minimum. Living in Bowling Green, a big gripe from residents is parking. So to keep residents from complaining about parking, towing is a must to keep the lot from overflowing.

What the businesses need to look is at the business-to-person relationship. To keep tenants happy, they should show some compassion for their needs, and provide parking in some fashion for guests. Whether it is temporary permits or a separate parking section, something needs to be done.

I know the complaints about parking never end in Bowling Green, but this one is different from any that I have read before. If anybody has ideas for the companies that seem realistic, please e-mail me or contact your agency and pass the word on.

I hope that nobody else has to go through what I just did, and I would hope the agencies start to realize they do need to care about their tenants as much as they do their profits.

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Hometowns affect, mold lives



JEREMY DUBOIS

Opinion Columnist

There are many questions one asks when getting to know someone. Among the most popular here at college are "What is your name?" "Where do you live?" "What year are you?" "What is your major?" Most importantly, "Where are you from?"

Where a person is from has great significance. It shapes one's identity to a certain extent, and definitely has an effect on the accent someone carries when they engage in dialogue with others.

Sometimes there is confusion as to where someone is from though. Oftentimes it boils down to a simple question, which is usually along the lines of, "Is it where you're from or where you're at?"

Many people say that it's where you're at that counts the most, but at the same time, you can't forget where you come from. Some people decide it's in their best interest to say they're from where they were born,

regardless of whether or not they grew up there.

Who cares, right?

Occasionally, you'll have people who will want to say they're from Cleveland or Detroit who can't slide by with such a statement because others will get on their case about their area of residence is "suburban" and not within the actual city limits.

My take on that is if you're close enough to the city in which you claim to be from, more power to you if you want to say you're from there, even though in actuality you may not be.

I guess it's different everywhere you go. I am from Cincinnati and the game is played a little different down there. Any place that begins with "452" in the zip code is "technically" Cincinnati regardless of whether it falls in the Cincinnati city limits or not. Some might even go as far to say that anything within the area code of (513) is Cincinnati.

So what am I trying to say? It doesn't matter where you're from as long as that environment has taught you something.

I grew up in Illinois, and having the experiences I have had

living in Cincinnati has affected my life, whether I wanted these environments to do so or not.

This is the very reason why I feel asking someone where they're from is so important.

Because I hail from both Cincinnati and Illinois, I had to do something to combine the two places.

The end result was telling people I am from "ILNati."

There is usually a sense of pride one has in relation to where they're from. Depending upon where you're from, it does have some importance in playing a role in some college situations.

Though where someone is from is important, there is something that carries a little more weight than that. What shapes us into who we are today are the experiences we've had in our perspective environments. Nevertheless, you have to know where you're coming from to know where you're going in life.

Represent where you come from and never forget the lessons and experiences you learned there.

Send comments to Jeremy at jdubois@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

The big day's coming up soon! What would you do to change Valentine's Day?



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"Get rid of it."



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"It wouldn't exist. It's just one more way to be disappointed."



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"Not have to buy expensive gifts."

Super Bowl Sunday tops Valentine's Day

The great American party — Super Bowl Sunday — is over, and now all there is to look forward to is Valentine's Day.

I know the mere mention of this holiday overwhelms most everyone with either dread or anxiety. After a relaxing weekend of football, food and fun, the last thing we want to think about is how to celebrate Valentine's day.

Why is Super Bowl Sunday the most celebrated day of the year?

It is because the Super Bowl is the quintessential American holiday. In all of its gluttonous, lazy glory, it is everything Valentine's Day isn't.

A successful Super Bowl is all about dependability. It isn't a Super Bowl party without pizza, wings or chili, and no one is going to complain, "Isn't this what we had last year?"

The expectations for a successful Valentine's Day depend on ingenuity and uniqueness. To show that "special someone" how incredible they are, you must find them the perfect gift or plan the perfect night, like nothing they have ever dreamed of.

Super Bowl Sunday ambiance pretty much amounts to having the largest quantity of televisions with the biggest screens possible, so as to make sure no one misses a play — or at least doesn't miss any of the commercials.

Relaxation is definitely a key component.

It is not about what you do, but about what you don't do (like get off the couch, for instance). Your average party-goers are pretty relaxed about the outcome of the actual game, too. Even the hard-core NFL fans don't stress much, since only the fans of two of the league's 32 teams really have bragging rights at stake anyway.

Valentine's Day ambiance is much more difficult. Expectations are much higher.

Everyone has a picture of what romance should look like since we were all raised on the same sappy chick flicks. Unfortunately, unlike in the movies, life doesn't come with a soundtrack, where somehow Eric Clapton always seems to be crooning, "Darling, you look wonderful tonight," just as the moonlight romantically glimmers across your date's face during the midnight carriage ride through Central Park.

Romantic atmosphere in real life takes a lot more effort to create and, inevitably, a little planning.



AMANDA HOOPER

Opinion Columnist

"...the Super Bowl is the quintessential American holiday. In all of its gluttonous, lazy glory, it is everything Valentine's Day isn't."

Expectations and effort separate these two holidays. In this age of convenience and fast-paced instant gratification, it is no wonder that Americans prefer a holiday where they can pick up a cheese and meat tray 30 minutes before kick-off, to Valentine's Day.

Last year, 21.5 million Americans reported throwing a party with another 54.6 million attending. Advertisers spent \$2.4 million for the right to reach 145 million viewers for 30 seconds during the big game. The day has become a truly beloved American holiday.

American culture emphasizes the value of ease, convenience and minimal input, so much that sometimes we forget that certain things, like relationships, thrive on effort and investment.

I'm not suggesting a lavish Valentine's Day is the way to prove the depth of your love.

But, being generous with your time and talents, can show how much you care, be it amorous love or platonic love.

The illusions of American movies and TV create an image and ideal for romance that contradicts reality. Spontaneous, over-the-top displays of undying love are great film scenes, but they miss the foundation of love. They miss the element of time and investment that is love. They can not convey the effort of seeking to know another person, and allowing yourself to be truly known by them in return.

Super Bowl Sunday is a fun respite from the long cold winter months. But Valentine's Day can be a reminder of the devotion and persistence that is love beyond planning that one "dreaded" perfect day.

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TURNPIKE STRIKE AVERTED IN UNION VOTE

CLEVELAND (AP) - Ohio Turnpike workers approved a three-year contract Wednesday after nearly striking last month for the first time in the toll road's 50-year history. Workers voted 434-274 to accept the Turnpike Commission's offer, according to Teamsters Local 436, which represents 997 turnpike workers.

Court orders: not yet time for voting machines

By John McCarthy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Two judges on Wednesday ordered Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell not to enforce a deadline for their counties to choose a new voting system vendor, saying Blackwell exceeded his authority when he issued the deadline.

Common Pleas Judges Laurie Pittman of Portage County and John Bessey of Franklin County issued the orders in response to complaints filed on behalf of their boards of elections. The boards said a dispute between Blackwell and Attorney General Jim Petro should be resolved before the county picks a vendor.

Blackwell's office said the orders would have little effect since 83 of Ohio's 88 counties had complied with his Wednesday deadline.

Blackwell on Jan. 12 issued a directive ordering county boards to choose one of two vendors supplying optical scan machines, which read the choices voters make by marking paper ballots with a pencil.

Petro on Tuesday issued an opinion saying that Blackwell was not acting within his authority when he issued his directive.

Several boards have complained that Blackwell has eliminated the choice of electronic touch-screen machines from a federal program that will pay for the new equipment. Congress passed the Help America Vote Act in 2002 after the outcome of the 2000 presidential election was held up by problems with punch card voting in Florida.

Blackwell spokesman Carlo LoParo said the court orders will have minimal effect since an overwhelming majority of counties had chosen an optical-scan vendor. "We're very pleased with that," LoParo said.

Mahoning County in northeast Ohio chose an optical scan system but was holding out hope the electronic machines they own could be used in May 2006, the deadline for having new systems in place.

"So we sort of complied with the secretary of state's directive while also taking into account the attorney general's opinion that we don't have to," county elections director Michael Sciortino said.

Besides Portage and Franklin, the counties that had not met Blackwell's deadline were Cuyahoga, Hamilton and Lake,

all of which have indicated they would like a chance to consider electronic touch-screen voting machines. LoParo said Blackwell's office would work with counties that missed Wednesday's deadline in choosing an optical scan vendor.

Petro said in his opinion, which would not be binding in court, that an Ohio law passed last year that spelled out part of the state's role in enforcing the Help America Vote Act left selection of voting systems up to the county boards. Blackwell maintains the federal law leaves enforcement of its provisions up to his office.

Portage County Prosecutor Victor Viglucci said he supports Petro's position and asked for Pittman's order at the request of the county elections board, which used electronic machines in the 2004 election.

"They felt they did not want the secretary of state making that decision for them. They were kind of in a bind," Viglucci said. "They felt the optical scan system was a step back in technology."

Also on Wednesday, state Sen. Tim Grendell said he would soon introduce legislation that would allow some counties to use electronic machines without meeting all the requirements of state law.

Grendell, a Chesterland Republican whose district includes Lake County, said that under the bill, counties that can meet the requirements for touch screen machines would not have to be equipped with devices that allow voters to see a paper copy of their choices until "such reasonable technology is available."

Gov. Bob Taft in May signed a bill into a law that would require electronic machines to have such devices. The bill would apply to few counties, probably only Franklin, Lake and Mahoning, Grendell said.

Lake County, which uses electronic machines, had tabulated votes in the Nov. 2 election more quickly than his home county of Geauga, which used optical scan machines, he said.

"We were one-third the population and we weren't finished counting until an hour later (than Lake)," Grendell said.

LoParo said Blackwell likely would not support Grendell's legislation.

"We have limited resources, a federal mandate and a looming deadline," LoParo said.

Taft pulls for vouchers

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft plans to expand a school voucher program currently limited to Cleveland, allowing up to 2,600 students at schools with persistently failing test scores to attend the private school of their choice, The Associated Press has learned.

Taft, a Republican, will include the \$9 million expansion, called the Limited Ohio Choice Scholarship, as part of the two-year state budget being introduced Thursday, said several Ohio education groups briefed on the proposal Wednesday.

The proposal will provide scholarships of \$3,500 to students to attend the private school of their choice beginning in the fall of 2006, said representatives of the Ohio School Boards Association, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Ohio Federation of Teachers, among others.

Elementary children in schools that fail to meet state proficiency standards in math and reading three years in a row would be eligible.

If implemented today, the scholarships would be available to children at 71 schools currently meeting those requirements, according to the educators. Many but not all of the schools are in the state's big-city districts.

Taft spokesman Mark Rickel declined to comment. "Everything will be rolled out tomorrow," he said.

Taft made a brief mention of the plan in his State of the State speech Tuesday.

He said his budget "will include new choices for students trapped in persistently failing schools."

The plan will further hurt traditional public schools by tak-



Paul Vernon AP Photo

MAKING A CASE: Ohio Gov. Bob Taft delivers his State of the State speech Tuesday in Columbus. Taft wants to expand the state's school voucher program in the 2006-07 school year to include more students.

ing away needed resources, said Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

"There are proven approaches to turning around low-performing schools and it makes a lot more sense to improve the schools that kids now attend rather than move kids around, and rather than drain public schools of funds they need to deliver results and get better," Mooney said.

The Cleveland program was created in 1996 in response to high failure rates among schoolchildren there. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the program constitutional in 2002.

The court's 5-4 decision allowed taxpayer money to underwrite tuition at private or parochial schools if parents retain a wide choice of where to send their children.

The program gives parents, most of them poor, a tuition subsidy of up to \$2,250 per child. There were more than 4,500 students in the Cleveland program last year.

House Speaker Jon Husted, a proponent of school options such as charter schools, said lawmakers will review all areas of education in the budget.

Lawmakers will look "at all aspects of education,

not just vouchers, not just charter schools, not just the traditional program," Husted, a suburban Dayton Republican, said Wednesday.

"What do we know that is working, what do we know that people want, are we providing the menus of options that parents and families want to have?"

Taft's education budget proposal will also include increases in the state's overall education spending of 2.7 percent next year and 2.3 percent the following year, educators briefed on the plan said.

The state is spending about \$7.3 billion on schools this year.

Florida shooting suspect from Ohio

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAISLEY, Fla. — A former Ohio resident accused of shooting and killing a sheriff's deputy and wounding two others was captured Wednesday after a daylong manhunt in the Ocala National Forest, officials said.

Jason Lee Wheeler, 29, was wounded in a gun fight with the officers who captured him in woods near his home at about 5 p.m., authorities said.

Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels said he didn't know the

extent of Wheeler's wounds, but the suspect was removed from the woods in a rural area in about 30 miles north of Orlando on a stretcher.

None of the deputies who captured him were wounded.

Authorities suspected Wheeler of shooting three Lake County deputies outside his home as they responded to a domestic battery call at about 9 a.m. Deputy Wayne Koester died at a hospital, and the two other deputies were

being treated at a hospital for leg wounds, said Capt. Nick Pallitto, a spokesman for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

About 500 deputies and officers — some in helicopters, armored personnel carriers and airboats — from 28 different law enforcement agencies searched for Wheeler.

Residents were warned to stay indoors, two elementary schools were locked down and some roads were closed during the search. Wheeler had

previously lived in northwest Ohio where he was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and felonious assault between 1997 and 2000, said Henry County Sheriff John Nye.

The felonious assault charge was dropped because the victim was not available to testify, according to the Henry County prosecutor's office.

Wheeler lived in the Ohio towns of Napoleon and Defiance, Nye said.

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NATION

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Bush tags new price for Medicare

By Laurie Kellman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush added Medicare to the government's fix-it list yesterday after new figures showed the first full decade of the program's prescription benefit will cost taxpayers \$724 billion.

"There's no question that there is an unfunded liability inherent in Medicare that Congress and the administration is going to have to deal with over time," Bush told reporters.

"Obviously I've chosen to deal with Social Security first," he added. "Once we modernize and save Social Security for a young generation of Americans, then it'll be time to deal with the unfunded liabilities of Medicare."

The new figure for years 2006 through 2015 is much higher than the \$534 billion cost calculated for years 2004 through 2013. That's because under the previous decade-long projection, the benefit didn't exist for two of the 10 years.

Congress passed the prescription drug benefit at the end of 2003, but except for some low-income seniors, it delayed

making it available until January 2006. Nonetheless, several lawmakers said yesterday that they had been deceived on the program's true cost.

"This new information further demonstrates what appears to be an attempt to dupe Congress and win passage of the legislation," said one such lawmaker, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., calling for an investigation by the Senate Finance Committee.

Some Republicans long skeptical of the administration's estimates also expressed alarm at the escalating costs as more people reach age 65 and qualify for it and drug prices continue to rise.

"I do think we are going to have to go back and re-address it," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

Congress narrowly approved the drug legislation in 2003 after an extraordinary all-night debate. At the time, the administration told wavering lawmakers that the program would cost \$400 billion, including expected savings. The White House revised the estimate to \$534 billion just two months later, after the law was enacted.

The \$724 billion figure is in



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SOLVING PROBLEMS: President Bush, center, speaks at the Tampa Convention Center, in Tampa, Fla. Bush is on a five-state tour to sell the American public the agenda laid out to Congress in his State of the Union address. Bush focused on his proposal to change Social Security System.

documents obtained yesterday by The Associated Press and related to the president's Monday budget request to Congress. Without anticipated savings included in the calculation, the cost of the program over the next decade could swell to \$1.19 trillion, according to the documents.

White House Budget Director Joshua Bolten said the new price tag of \$724 million reflects \$134 billion in savings the government expects because states are paying some drug costs, \$145 billion more from beneficiaries' premiums and \$200 billion in savings by switching some Medicaid pre-

scription benefits to Medicare.

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ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTED: Tamara Green, shown above, told the Philadelphia Daily News that, 30 years ago, comedian Bill Cosby gave her two pills at a restaurant after she felt ill. She said he then drove her home and tried to undress and kiss her.

Cosby accused of a 30-year-old crime

By Maryclaire Dale
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Bill Cosby, under investigation for possible sexual misconduct, denied claims by a second woman that he drugged and fondled her. The second accusation dates to 30 years ago, and a prosecutor suggested yesterday such an old claim likely wouldn't be relevant in the current case.

The 67-year-old comedian's lawyer also blasted the Philadelphia Daily News for printing the accusations by Tamara Green, who was described by the newspaper Tuesday as a model-turned-lawyer who worked for Cosby in California at the time of the alleged encounter.

The report was published as prosecutors mulled whether to file charges against Cosby in the complaint by a former Temple University employee. A decision by Montgomery County District

Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. could come this week.

Green, 57, told the newspaper that Cosby gave her two pills at a restaurant after she felt ill. She said he then drove her home and tried to undress and kiss her.

Green said she came forward this week because her experience closely matched one alleged by the former Temple employee who went to police last month to report that Cosby had given her pills and fondled her at his suburban Philadelphia mansion a year ago.

According to the State Bar of California, Green entered a program for lawyers with substance abuse or mental health problems in October. The bar had lodged disciplinary charges against her in March, alleging 12 counts of misconduct involving three clients, spokeswoman Kathleen Beitiks said.

Among the allegations were

failure to pay client funds promptly, failure to perform with competence, failure to maintain client funds in a trust account, and failure to refund unearned fees.

Green did not return telephone messages left yesterday at a Ventura, Calif., number believed to be her home.

First Assistant District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman declined yesterday to comment on whether the investigation would include Green's complaint. But she said such decades-old allegations can only be used in a very limited number of cases.

"Generally, an accusation from over 30 years ago is not going to be considered admissible in court or relevant to an investigation," Ferman said.

Cosby's attorney, Walter M. Phillips Jr., said Green's allegations were "absolutely false."

"Mr. Cosby does not know the

name Tamara Green or Tamara Lucier (her maiden name) and the incident she describes did not happen," Phillips said. "It is irresponsible of the Daily News to publish an uncorroborated story of an incident that is alleged to have happened thirty years ago."

Daily News city editor Kurt Heine said the newspaper stood by its story. The former Temple employee, who now lives in her native Ontario, Canada, went to Canadian authorities Jan. 13, contending that Cosby gave her some medication that made her feel dizzy, then fondled her at his Cheltenham Township home after a dinner out with friends. She said she later awoke to find her bra undone and her clothes in disarray. Cosby denies her allegations.

She said she considered Cosby, a Temple alumnus and booster who frequently attends campus events, a friend and mentor.

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WORLD

Pope shows strength, despite declining health

By Daniela Petroff
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II marked Ash Wednesday with a Mass for doctors in his Rome hospital room as he recovered from the flu and breathing troubles, missing public prayers ushering in the sacred Lenten season at the Vatican for the first time in his 26-year papacy.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope's vicar for Rome, visited the 84-year-old pontiff and said he found him "very well" more than a week after he was hospitalized.

"I would like to give everyone

a word of serenity and complete faith (in the pope)," Ruini said.

John Paul received ashes in his room at Gemelli Polyclinic, and he invited his personal physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, and the other doctors caring for him to the ceremony, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement.

The pope is not expected to be discharged before Thursday, when the Holy See issues its next bulletin on his health.

Though the Vatican says the pope's health continues to improve since he was rushed

to the hospital Feb. 1, doctors have persuaded him to prolong his stay to be on the safe side. His eighth night in the hospital passed calmly, the ANSA news agency said early yesterday.

In services later at St. Peter's Basilica, American Cardinal James Stafford presided in the name of John Paul.

Stafford read his own homily in Italian, conveying no message from the pope to the Vatican's resident cardinals, archbishops, bishops and others assembled for a ceremony originally scheduled as a papal event. Several

thousand faithfully attended the prayer service, which involved the sprinkling of ashes on prelates and laymen.

"In addressing you, brothers and sisters, I feel the joy and the honor of leading this solemn ceremony in the name of the Holy Father," said Stafford, who heads the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with excommunications and other issues.

"We feel his spiritual presence among us and we remember him with affection while asking the Lord to grant him the graces necessary for his charisma as primate to unite the brothers in the faith."

An unidentified layman offered a prayer asking God to "grant health and comfort to our beloved Pope John Paul II so that he may continue his pastoral ministry for the good of the church and all humanity."

John Paul had not missed

public prayers on Ash Wednesday since he became pope in 1978.

The holiday traditionally kicks off a few weeks of spiritual reflection for the pope ahead of the taxing Holy Week services, which culminate with Easter on March 27.

With the pope in such frail health, it remained unclear whether he would be able to preside over the traditional March 25, Good Friday prayer service at the Colosseum re-enacting Christ's Passion. He has long since stopped walking in the Colosseum procession while carrying a cross. In recent years, the faithful have carried the cross and made the symbolic Stations of the Cross walk while the pope observed and read a homily.

The pope's long struggle with Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments have many Roman Catholics questioning how long he can continue to serve. The Vatican's

No. 2 official, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, caused a stir this week by publicly suggesting for the first time that the Vatican may be discussing the sensitive issue.

Popes may resign but cannot be forced to do so, and John Paul repeatedly has said he has no intention of abdicating. The last time a pope willingly resigned was in the 13th century.

"It is bad taste to talk about it, and it's even worse because the starting point of this debate is the pope's flu," a leading Italian cardinal, Giovanni Battista Re, told the newspaper La Repubblica yesterday.

The archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, said in a French radio interview that the pope "is capable of making" his own decisions.

"He can resign, and it's a question of his conscience," Lustiger told RTL radio. "The pope must do what he thinks to be the will of God to accomplish his mission."

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FAITH: Mairead McGinn, from London, places a candle in London's Westminster Cathedral after hearing the news of Pope John Paul II being taken into the hospital on Feb. 2.

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Israel agrees to lift travel restrictions

By Josef Federman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel has agreed to lift travel restrictions in parts of the West Bank in coming weeks, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said yesterday, in what would be the strongest signal yet to Palestinians that a cease-fire with Israel is beginning to pay off.

Israel also said it would allow some Palestinian workers to enter Israel from Gaza and the West Bank to work.

Abbas made the announcement after returning to the West Bank from a Mideast summit in Egypt, where he and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared an end to four years of bloodshed. Freedom of travel would greatly improve the lives of Palestinians, as the roadblocks have decimated their economy.

Abbas said Israel had assured him that travel bans would soon be eased and several major checkpoints will be removed as part of its military withdrawal from five Palestinian towns in the coming weeks.

"We agreed that they (Israelis) will pull out of five Palestinian ... cities and surrounding areas, and also on the removal of roadblocks, which will be manned by the Palestinian forces," Abbas said.

A senior Israeli military official confirmed that several roadblocks would be removed as part of the handover of security responsibility for the five towns to the Palestinians. The official did not list them. Roadblocks between the West Bank and Israel are to remain in place.

Israeli army checkpoints ring all West Bank towns, where soldiers inspect documents of those who seek to pass. Long lines often form at the checkpoints, and troops often close them to seal off towns.

Israel says it needs the checkpoints to stop suicide bombers and other attackers. However, in a recent report, the World Bank cited Israeli restrictions on the flow of people and goods as the main cause of economic hardship in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where nearly half of Palestinians live on less than \$2 a day.

The truce declaration has raised hopes of ending the violence and restarting peace moves. Israel is to hand over security control

in Jericho, Tulkarem, Qalqiliya, Bethlehem and Ramallah in the next three weeks. Abbas and Sharon agreed to the timetable Tuesday.

A second meeting between the two men, to take place at Sharon's Sycamore Ranch in southern Israel, could take place "in the coming days or a week," said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Sharon. Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said the meeting would take place within a week.

However, the threat of violence remains. The militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad have said they are not bound by the truce, and Palestinian officials yesterday warned that the Lebanese group Hezbollah may try to derail the cease-fire.

A European Union official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Palestinians had raised their concerns about Hezbollah during meetings with U.S. and EU officials. Israel has long accused Hezbollah of supporting Palestinian militants.

Israel and Hezbollah fought a bloody 18-year guerrilla war in south Lebanon before Israel's pullout in 2000, and Hezbollah continues to call for Israel's destruction.

In the West Bank, Palestinian gunmen twice attacked Israeli motorists, causing no injuries. A 22-year-old Palestinian was seriously wounded while walking near a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip; the gunfire came from the direction of the settlement. The Israeli army said it had fired warning shots at four people who entered an unauthorized area, but could not confirm hitting anyone.

Elsewhere in Gaza, a Hamas militant was killed in a blast in the Khan Younis refugee camp. Hamas officials said the man was handling explosives.

Abbas has been working to prevent attacks by militants on Israel and planned to meet

tomorrow with leaders of armed groups in Gaza.

Sharon has promised to release Palestinian prisoners and end Israel's pursuit of wanted Palestinian militants.

In another gesture, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz announced measures to alleviate conditions for some Palestinians, including allowing 1,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip to work in Israel and several hundred more to work at the Erez Industrial Zone between Israel and Gaza, the military said.

An additional 2,000 workers will be authorized to enter Israel from the West Bank.

Before violence erupted four

years ago, tens of thousands of Palestinians worked in Israel. Now, just a few thousand have permits.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia met with West Bank security commanders and told them the Jericho pullout could take place within days, a top security official said.

The official said Israel had also turned over the names of 350 wanted militants. In exchange for amnesty from Israel, the militants must surrender their weapons to Palestinian forces and pledge not to carry out any violence.

Cease-fires have been declared before, but major changes in the region — chiefly, the death of longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom Israel accused of encouraging violence, and Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip this summer — have generated hopes that this one will stick.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced yesterday she would meet in London early next month with senior U.N., Russian



Ariel Schalit AP Photo

FREEDOM: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, middle, smiles as he walks inside the Knesset, Israel's parliament building, in Jerusalem yesterday.

and European Union officials. The so-called Quartet will try to pump new life into their lag-

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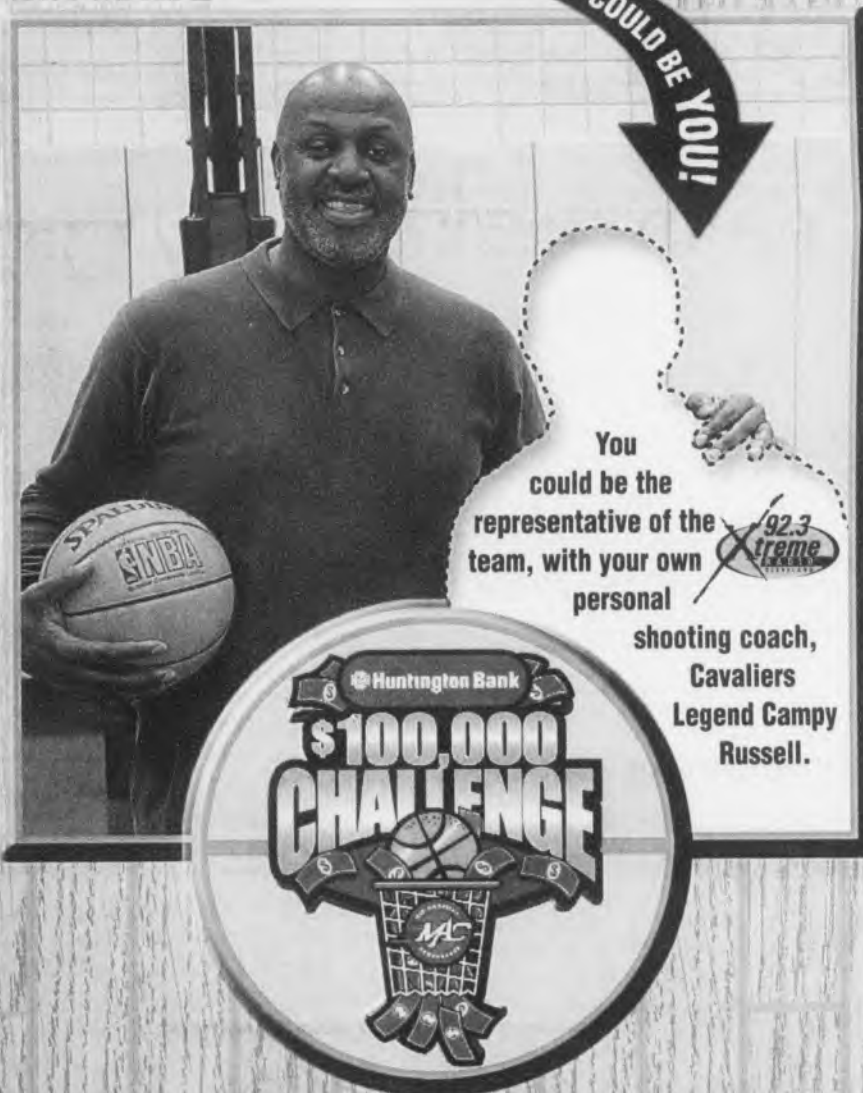
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Journalist gunned down in Iraq

By Mariam Fam
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded television station and his son as they left their home yesterday in the southern city of Basra, an official said. Two more U.S. soldiers were reported dead, one in an ambush in Mosul.

The attacks came amid a growing wave of violence following Iraq's Jan. 30 national elections. On Tuesday, a suicide bomber killed 21 army recruits in Baghdad, in the deadliest attack in the capital since the vote.

In Basra, Abdul Hussein al-Basri, the correspondent of Al-Hurra TV station, and his son were both killed yesterday in the city's Maqal area, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, said Nazim al Moussawi, a spokesman for the local government administration.

Launched in February 2004 Al-Hurra, or The Free, was tailored for Arab audiences to compete with other regional stations like Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya. Some Muslim clerics have denounced the TV station as propaganda.

President Bush said it was created to "cut through the hateful propaganda that fills the airwaves in the Muslim world."

Al-Basri was also a member of the political office of the Islamic Dawa Party, an influential Shiite movement, and the editor of a local newspaper in Basra, Iraq's second largest city. He also served as the head of the press office at Basra City Council, al-Moussawi said.

Journalists have come under fire repeatedly in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion. The Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists reported in January that Iraq was the deadliest place in the world for journalists last year with 49 deaths.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military yesterday announced the deaths of two more American soldiers.

A military statement said one U.S. soldier died of a gunshot wound at a logistical support area in Balad, north of Baghdad. The soldier, from 1st Corps Support Command, suffered a gunshot wound on Tuesday and was pronounced dead at the scene. Camp Anaconda in Balad, is 50

miles north of Baghdad.

The second soldier, assigned to Task Force Freedom, was shot and killed on Sunday while on patrol in Mosul, the U.S. command said. No further details were released on either soldier pending notification of kin.

In Iraq's oil-rich north, saboteurs set off explosives yesterday at a gas pipeline in Fatha district, 15 miles north of Beiji, setting it on fire, officials said.

The pipeline runs to the northern city of Kirkuk, an official from the Northern Oil Co. said one condition of anonymity. Beiji is 155 miles north of Baghdad.

One policeman was injured as workers put out the blaze, which was expected to affect the production of electricity, police said. Officials did not say how long it would take to repair the pipeline.

Insurgents frequently target the country's gas and oil infrastructure, which provides much needed revenue for reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

In Rome, the newspaper that employs an Italian journalist held hostage in Iraq said yesterday that it has indications she is alive and

that intelligence officials have established indirect contact with the kidnappers.

Giuliana Sgrena, a reporter for Communist Daily Il Manifesto, was abducted Friday by a group of gunmen outside Baghdad University. Conflicting claims have appeared on Islamic militant Web sites: One said she had been killed, while another said she would soon be released.

Il Manifesto said an unspecified contact person had been able to see Sgrena twice, Monday and Tuesday, and reported that she was well. The paper said the person could be used as a mediator in future communications with Sgrena's kidnappers.

The contact is the result of work by Italy's government and intelligence services, the Rome-based paper said.

Election workers are still counting ballots for the 275-member National Assembly, 18 provincial councils and a regional parliament for the Kurdish self-governing region in the north. No new results have been announced in the past two days. Officials expect a final count by the end of the week.

NATO to discuss Iranian ambitions

By Anne Gearan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday that Iran cannot delay indefinite accountability for a suspected nuclear weapons program, but said the United States has set "no deadline, no timeline" for Tehran to act.

Nearing the end of a European tour that included visits to both old and new members of the expanding NATO, Rice said the United States remains in "close consultations" with its European allies on the issue.

She warned Tehran that the United States would not accept foot-dragging by the government there as officials weigh various diplomatic overtures that European nations have made to resolve the nuclear question.

In Washington, President Bush said he was pleased with the response Rice had received from Europeans on efforts to restrain Iran's nuclear ambitions.

"The Iranians just need to know that the free world is working together to send a very clear message: Don't develop a nuclear weapon," Bush said. "And the reason we're sending that message is because Iran with a nuclear weapon would be a very destabilizing force in the world."

At a news conference with NATO officials, Rice told reporters that Iran must live up to its obligations.

"I'm quite clear and I believe everybody is telling the Iranians that they are going to have to live up to their international obligations," she said. "It is obvious that if Iran cannot be brought to live up to its international obligations, in fact, the IAEA statute would indicate that Iran would have to be referred to the U.N. Security Council" for possible sanctions.

"I think the message is there," Rice said. "The Iranians need to get that message," she said, adding that Tehran should know that "there are other steps" the international community can take.

In remarks earlier in an interview with FOX News, released yesterday, the secretary had said "Iranians need to hear that if they are unwilling to take the deal, really, that the Europeans are giving ... then the Security Council referral looms."

Asked at yesterday's news conference how long the diplomatic efforts should continue, Rice replied, "We've set no deadline, no timeline. The Iranians know what they need to do."

Rice said the United States continues to be in close consultations with the Europeans "about how it's going, about whether progress is being made ... and we'll just monitor and continue those discussions. ... We are in very close consultation."

In the FOX interview, Rice said, "We have believed all along that Iran ought to be referred to the Security Council

and then a variety of steps are available to the international community." The interview was taped in Paris and released after her arrival here.

"They need to hear that the discussions that they are in with the Europeans are not going to be a kind of waystation where they are allowed to continue their activities; that there's going to be an end to this and that they are going to end up in the Security Council," she said.

Britain, France and Germany are in talks with the Iranian regime, but the United States kept its distance from that effort and the Europeans have been reluctant to take the matter to the United Nations before making further efforts at a deal.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier used a news conference with Rice Tuesday night in Paris to repeat that France and the other European participants are committed to letting the diplomacy run its course.

He said he had asked Rice for American "support and confidence."

Rice told reporters that Iran is already on notice that it must not use a civilian nuclear power program to hide a weapons project.

Earlier Tuesday, Rice said in a speech that NATO can be a bulwark for freedom without playing world enforcer.

"How NATO's role will evolve, I think, is still an open question, but we need to be open to new roles that NATO might play," she said.

Alliance officials said in advance of her trip to Belgium that Rice's NATO visit would focus on preparations for a visit by Bush on Feb. 22, when he will hold a summit with leaders of the other 25 allied nations.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer wants the meetings to seal a new unity in the trans-Atlantic alliance following bitter divisions over the Iraq war.

The talks are also expected to review NATO's peacekeeping missions in Afghanistan and Kosovo and its efforts to train Iraq's military. De Hoop Scheffer said last month's elections in Iraq should boost allied efforts to expand its training mission.

Alliance defense ministers were set to discuss expanding both the Afghan and Iraq missions at a long-scheduled meeting yesterday and today.

NATO has been struggling to persuade governments to commit extra troops to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq, the problem has been compounded by the refusal of France, Germany and other nations that opposed the U.S.-led war to send instructors.

NATO currently has about 100 troops in Iraq on the training mission.

Rice's first trip abroad as secretary of state concludes today in Luxembourg. She has said that either she or her second-in-command will visit each of the NATO capitals early this year.

United States plans replacement

By George Jahn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria — The United States is seeking backing from allies in a possible bid to oust the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency at a meeting later this month, diplomats and Western government officials said yesterday.

During the same Feb. 28 meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Washington also will increase the pressure on Iran for allegedly trying to make nuclear weapons, the officials told The Associated Press.

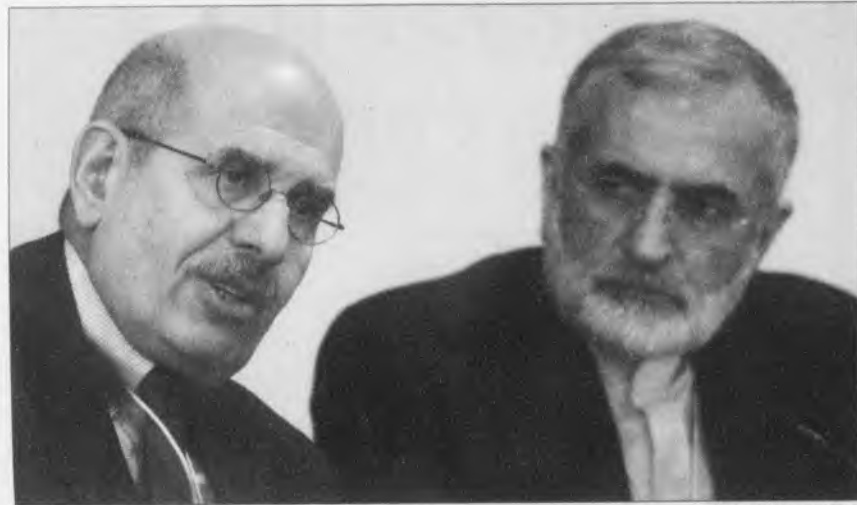
Washington considers IAEA head Mohammed ElBaradei too soft on Iran and its alleged plans to make nuclear arms and the international community ineffective in dealing with the same perceived threat.

No U.S. comment was available for Washington's strategies for the upcoming IAEA board of governors meeting.

Several diplomats and government officials from IAEA member countries dismissed recent reports that the United States had given up attempts to unseat ElBaradei because of lack of support from other countries.

"They've been lobbying, and close friends have given them a good reception," said one of those familiar with the issue, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Another said U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton and other senior State Department officials "were still lobbying the capitals."



Yoshiko Kusano AP Photo

DISCUSSION: Mohammed ElBaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left, and Kamal Kharrazi, minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran, participate in a panel session on Non-Proliferation.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice put Iran on notice that it cannot use a European diplomatic initiative to delay indefinitely accountability for a suspected nuclear weapons program.

"The Iranians need to hear that if they are unwilling to take the deal, really, that the Europeans are giving ... then the Security Council referral looms," she said in an interview yesterday with FOX News that was taped before she arrived in Belgium.

"I don't know that anyone has said that as clearly as they should to the Iranians," she said in a strong reiteration U.S. policy that the issue of Iran's nuclear

program should be taken before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

"We have believed all along that Iran ought to be referred to the Security Council and then a variety of steps are available to the international community," she said in the interview. "They need to hear that the discussions that they are in with the Europeans are not going to be a kind of waystation where they are allowed to continue their activities; that there's going to be an end to this and that they are going to end up in the Security Council."

Britain, France and Germany are in talks with Tehran, but

the United States kept its distance from that effort and the Europeans have been reluctant to take the matter to the United Nations before making further efforts at a deal.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier used a news conference with Rice Tuesday night in Paris to repeat that France and the other European participants are committed to letting the diplomacy run its course. He said he had asked Rice for American "support and confidence."

Rice told reporters that Iran is already on notice that it must not use a civilian nuclear power program to hide a weapons project.

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Softball tabbed to take 2nd in MAC West

Mid-American Conference softball coaches have made their predictions for the 2005 season and the BG softball team has been picked to finish second in the MAC West.

Head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw returns 12 letterwinners and eight positional starters from a team that went 34-30 last season and won the MAC tournament.

The 2005 Falcons will start their season off Feb. 25 in Chattanooga, Tenn. to play six games in the Frost Classic.

Nobody likes a stoolie

JIM LITKE

AP Columnist

Every word in Jose Canseco's book could be true.

Or only a few.

Either way, it's exactly what baseball deserves. Just about everybody else involved in the game tripped over themselves trying to blur the lines between fair and foul for the last 15 years or so. By default, that makes even a convicted criminal and shameless publicity hound like Canseco as reliable a source as any other. It's what happens when honest men keep quiet.

"If this is all made up, he'll suffer some serious damages," ex-A's pitcher and one-time teammate Dave Stewart told the San Francisco Chronicle. "But if you're an admitted steroid user, believe me, you'd know who uses them."

Canseco is one of four stars from the game's supersized era who have either publicly acknowledged using juice or, according to reports, testified to that effect before a grand jury. One of the four, Ken Caminiti, is dead. A second, Gary Sheffield, says he took them unwittingly. The third, Jason Giambi, has yet to confirm any of the sordid details that made the newspapers when his testimony in the BALCO investigation was leaked.

Canseco, on the other hand, is more than eager to talk and apparently he's naming names. The buzz surrounding his version of events is so considerable that his publisher, HarperCollins, has moved the book's release date up a week, from Feb. 21 to next Monday and the CBS program "60 Minutes," which planned to air a segment on Canseco on Feb. 20, will now

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Second half comeback not enough for Falcons

By Adam Hritzak
SPORTS REPORTER

Unable to push past Toledo in the second half despite trailing by as much as 17 points in the game, the men's basketball team (13-7, 7-5 in conference) fell to the Rockets 58-50, losing for the sixth consecutive time in Savage Hall.

In a game that began eerily similar to the first meeting on January 22, in which BG rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to win 70-69, the Falcons came out struggling only to rebound and make a push after the half.

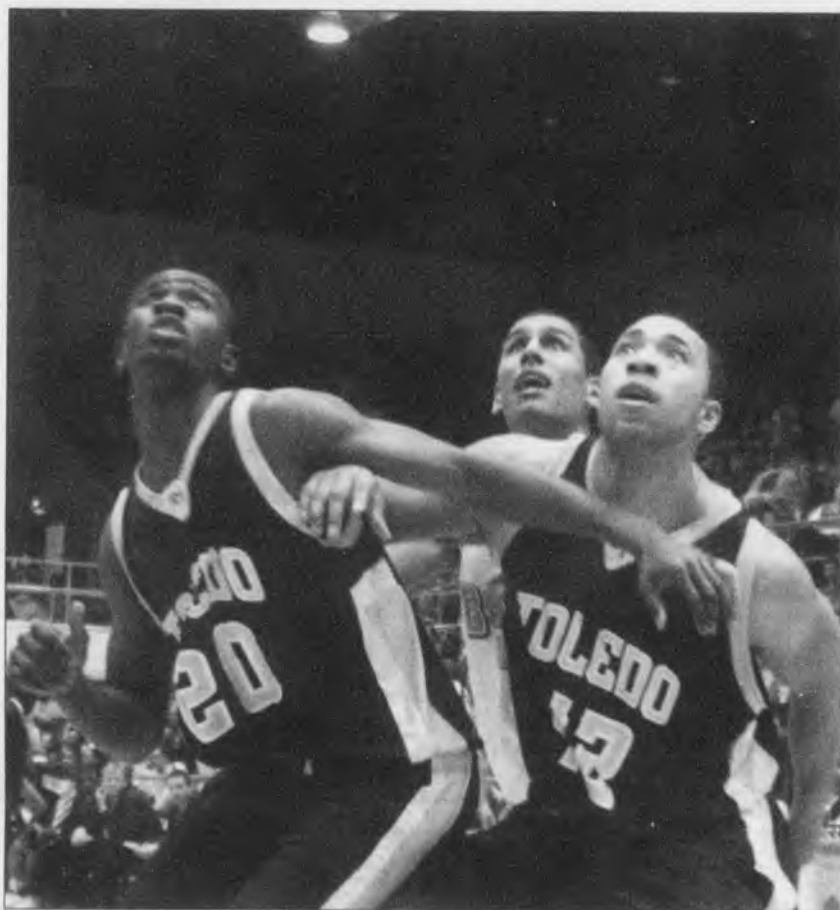
The Falcons were able to cut the lead down to three early after the break, but could not find their rhythm offensively, connecting on just 38.3 percent of their shots from the field, as the Rockets (11-10, 7-5) denied open looks to Josh Almonson and John Reimold which forced the Falcons to look elsewhere for scoring.

"I thought we got better shots in the second half than we got in the first half," said Falcons coach Dan Dakich, despite his team hitting a mere 8 of 27 second half shots. "I know we got awful shots in the first half and made some of them. I thought we got great looks in the second half and just missed them."

Steven Wright was practically the entire show on offense for BG as he dropped a career-high 23 points, 14 coming in the first half, to lead all scorers. Reimold added 11, while Almonson scored 7 on two of six shooting from the field. The duo, who are the top two scorers for the Falcons, were unable to get good looks at the basket from the start of the game and combined for only five first half points.

Coming off their win over Ohio Monday, the two appeared to be tired early and never could get into the flow of the game.

"The quick turnaround two



BG News File Photo

NOT THIS ONE: Toledo's Justin Ingram, left, and Florentino Valencio box out BG's Josh Almonson during a Falcons' win on January 22. BG wasn't as lucky this time around, falling to the Rockets 58-50.

days (from the last game) really affected John and Josh," Dakich said.

Sammy Villegas was the high man for UT with 11 points, 10 in the first, to redeem himself after scoring only five in the first matchup. The Rockets bench played a big role as they combined to score 26 points, nine coming from Kashif Payne,

compared to two points from the Falcons bench.

Toledo started this game much like the last meeting in Anderson Arena by pressuring the Falcons and forcing mistakes. BG turned the ball over 12 times before half and finished with 20 for the game.

Wright hit a three with under a minute to play to pull the

Falcons within five at 55-50, but Keith Triplett hit both his free throws to seal the game. The Rockets were clutch late in the game from the line as they hit seven of eight free throws in the final two minutes.

BG will look to bounce back as they head to Kent State on Saturday. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

All the Wright moves for BG

Guard Steven Wright provides BG with a solid third option on offense.

By Andrew Hemminger
GUEST REPORTER

A couple of seasons ago, a player by the name of Keith McLeod wore the Falcon colors for head coach Dan Dakich. He was pretty good and so was his supporting cast. The 2001-2002 version of the orange and brown piled up 24 victories and reached the MAC Championship and later the National Invitation Tournament.

Flash forward to 2005.

Bowling Green has grinded out 13 wins and are in the thick of the MAC West division race for the crown. With the team of 2002, they possessed three guys that could be counted on to score in double figures — Brandon Pardon (10.7), Len Matela (15.9) and All-American McLeod (22.9).

While seniors John Reimold and Josh Almonson have become one of the best scoring duos in the league, scoring over 34 points per game, a third scoring weapon has emerged from the arsenal.

After producing just 6.5 points per game a year ago, junior guard Steve Wright is averaging more than 12 points per contest and has been a staple in the starting line-up for a second consecutive year.

Several reasons for the positive jump include the benefits of added physical strength as well as new personnel. Since last year, Wright has bulked up with hard work in the weight-room and Dakich has brought in several point guards, John Floyd and "Moon" Robinson. With the extra help at the point, it has allowed the

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'05 NHL season treading on thin ice

By Ira Podell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With just a little bit of hedging, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman all but issued a drop-dead date for saving what's left of the season: this weekend.

The lockout reached its 147th day yesterday. If there is a deal reached, Bettman said, there would be a 28-game regular season and the 16-team playoff structure would be preserved.

"It is clear to me that if we're not working on a written document by this weekend, I don't see how we can play any semblance of a season," Bettman said. "Obviously we will listen to everything the union has to say, but we've given all we can give and gone as far as we can go."

Hours earlier, the players' association rejected what was described by the league as a compromise proposal during a secret meeting in Toronto, NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said.

"The NHL delivered a one-page concept to us which they tried to suggest represented a compromise," players' association executive director Bob Goodenow said. "The league's proposal was a transparent attempt to impose on our Dec. 9 proposal the effects of their twice-rejected Feb. 2 triple-cap proposal."

Goodenow said the sides



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THE COMMISH: NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks with the media in Toronto yesterday at a press conference.

would meet again. The union asked Bettman and Daly to stay in Toronto through Thursday for negotiating sessions.

"The prospect that we'd be able to conclude an agreement by the end of the weekend is very daunting," Goodenow said. "It is possible, but I don't want to discuss the levels of probability."

The lockout has wiped out 813 of the 1,230 regular-season

games, as well as this weekend's scheduled All-Star game.

The NHL offered to go with the players' association proposal from Dec. 9 that featured a luxury-tax system and an immediate 24 percent rollback on all existing contracts.

But the league also put in place four scenarios that would shift the agreement back to what the league proposed on

Feb. 2 — a salary cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million, including benefits.

Also included in that six-year offer — which could be reopened by the union after four years — was a profit-sharing plan that would allow the players' association to evenly split revenues over a negotiated level with the league.

"The union's response was that this was not a framework that they were interested in going forward with," Bettman said.

Goodenow said that one of the four limits would immediately be exceeded if this deal was put in place, and others could be easily reached.

It was believed that there had been no contact between the sides since last Friday when talks broke off after three straight days of meetings.

The bulk of the negotiations since mid-December were conducted mostly by Daly and players' association senior director Ted Saskin.

Bettman and Goodenow were invited by the union back to the table last week for two days of talks after the union rejected the league's previous proposal. Those four were the only people involved in yesterday's session.

U.S. ruins good time for Trinidad

United States beats Trinidad 2-1 in first round opener of World Cup qualifiers.

By Ronald Blum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fifteen years later, the United States still knows how to spoil Trinidad's party.

Eddie Johnson kept up his incredible run of goals when he scored in the 30th minute, Eddie Lewis boosted the lead early in the second half and the United States beat Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 yesterday in the opener of the final round of the World Cup.

Kasey Keller, who made a 23-hour trip from Germany on Monday to get to the game, made several outstanding stops, including a sliding save on Leslie Fitzpatrick on a breakaway eight minutes into the second half that denied a tying goal.

Keller also made several fine stops in the first half on Stern John and Dwight Yorke, playing his first official game for T&T since June 2001.

Angus Eve scored Trinidad and Tobago's goal in the 89th minute on a shot that went in off Keller's hand.

Less than three weeks ago, the Americans didn't even know if they would have their top players or would send a team of minor leaguers because of a labor dispute. But an interim settlement ensured the regulars would be on the field through 2005, and the 11th-ranked U.S. team imposed its will on Trinidad and Tobago, ranked 61st.

Ash Wednesday usually is a beach day in this Caribbean nation, where the Carnival celebration that ends the previous night is huge.

But the steel and samba drums were sounding for the Soca Warriors in the searing 90-degree heat at the Queen's Park Oval, with T&T hoping to continue the celebration and exact revenge for the November 1989 loss to the Americans that denied it a berth at the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Johnson then struck in the 30th minute, just as Paul Caligiuri did 15 years ago in the famous qualifier at nearby Hasley Crawford Stadium, a game that put the United States in soccer's top event for the first time since 1950.

Coming down the right flank of the 80-yard-wide field, Steve

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Patriots fans making plans for Detroit in '06

New England fans happy but want another Super Bowl.

By Jay Lindsay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New England's third Super Bowl win in four years capped one of the most dominant runs in NFL history, and Patriots fans made it clear they want more.

Nearly one million people celebrated the Patriots' 24-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday with a parade through Boston on Tuesday. Many stood on trash cans, snow banks, newspaper boxes and trees to watch the Super Bowl champions ride by while red, white and blue confetti showered them.

Some fans held signs that read, "Next Stop: Detroit," the site of next year's Super Bowl, to let the Patriots know that they're not tired of all the winning.

"They're hard workers, they do their jobs," said Dave Jones, 48, a garage door installer from Lowell. "How can that get old?"

To show he wasn't satisfied, tight end Daniel Graham held up three fingers to the crowd, then extended a fourth, nodded and said, "Going for No. 4." Receiver David Givens started an impromptu chant of "Dynasty."

"Deja vu, man," said quarterback Tom Brady after the parade. "You never get sick of the winning. You never get sick of the fans. I tell you, it's a great place to play."

The parade of World War II-era amphibious duck boats, like the ones the Red Sox rode in their championship celebration last fall, rolled through downtown Boston less than 48 hours after the Patriots beat Philadelphia 24-21 on Sunday.

Team owner Robert Kraft, vice chairman Jonathan Kraft and player personnel director Scott Pioli led the "rolling rally," holding high three silver Lombardi



THEY ARE HAPPY, RIGHT?: Fans scream as duckboats carrying Patriots' players pass by during the "rolling rally" in Boston Tuesday. The Patriots beat Philadelphia 24-21 in the Super Bowl Sunday.

trophy as fans leaned out of nearby buildings to get a look. Bill Belichick stood in his trademark gray sweat shirt in the lead boat, smiling and waving as fans hailed him as a "genius" and signs compared him to Leonardo DaVinci and Albert Einstein.

A few boats behind, Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch filmed the scene. Brady fielded a few prom invitations and reduced groups of girls to screaming incoherence with a smile and a wave. His girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, snapped photos of the crowd.

Some players flapped their arms, ridiculing the touchdown celebration of Eagles receiver Terrell Owens. Defensive end Richard Seymour held up his fist for fans to admire one of his Super Bowl rings. Players up and

down the 1 1/2 mile route tossed autographed footballs and jerseys into the crowd and basked in the adulation.

"It took me nine years to get my first championship and now they're coming every year," said receiver/defensive back Troy Brown after the parade ended. "I could get used to this."

Police estimated a crowd of just less than one million, lower than last year's estimate of 1.5 million, and not everyone was Patriots-mad.

"This is like a reason to skip school, pretty much. I don't really like football," said 16-year-old Anastasia Exarchos of Shrewsbury.

Her friend Peter Wahlgren, 17, also of Shrewsbury said things weren't quite as intense as the first win.

"It's a different feeling," he said. "It was more expected." He added, "It's still amazing for me."

But Givens said he felt more excitement this year.

"The dynasty thing brings a new expectation," he said. "It's a great feeling for us."

The Patriots have won 32 of their last 34 games, including playoffs, dating to the start of a 21-game win streak in the 2003 season. Belichick has passed former Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi for the best playoff record, at 10-1. And no team has won three consecutive Super Bowls, something the Patriots can accomplish next year.

"It's exciting," Uri Ahn, 36, of Bedford, N.H., said. "It's something you might not see again. It's history. It's a true new dynasty."



HEADS UP: U.S. midfielder Pablo Mastroeni, right, heads the ball above Trinidad & Tobago's striker Dwight Yorke. The U.S. beat Trinidad in the opening round of World Cup play, 2-1.

Johnson lifts U.S. to first Cup win

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Cherunoldo crossed the ball into the penalty area and the 20-year-old Johnson, with no defenders near, headed the ball into the net. Goalkeeper Neil Shaka Hislop had no chance.

Johnson, who plays for Dallas in Major League Soccer, has six goals in just four international appearances and became the first player to score in each of his first four games with the U.S. national team.

He matched William Looby (1955) and Brian McBride (2001) as the only player to score in four straight games and with six goals in qualifying already has tied Willy Roy for third on the career scoring list in qualifying behind Earnie Stewart (nine) and McBride (seven).

Nine minutes into the second half, Johnson passed the ball to

Landon Donovan, who gave it to Lewis for a left-footed shot from about 23 yards out that easily went in.

The United States, which plays its next qualifier at Mexico on March 27, is 22-0-8 against North and Central American and Caribbean rivals since a September 2001 loss at Costa Rica.

The Americans haven't lost to a Caribbean opponent since a 1994 defeat in Trinidad.

Notes: MF Clint Mathis was among the five players on the 23-man roster who did not dress. Also trimmed were GK Joe Cannon, D Jimmy Conrad, M Ben Olsen and F Brian Ching. ... Eight of the starting 11 players for the Americans are based in Europe, where they are in the middle of their club seasons, with only defender Eddie Pope, midfielder Pablo Mastroeni and forward Eddie Johnson from MLS.

Canseco shakes up literary world and world of baseball

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broadcast it on Sunday. But they're not the only ones launching pre-emptive strikes.

No excerpts have surfaced yet, but accounts in The New York Daily News claim Canseco writes that he injected Mark McGwire with steroids when they were teammates in Oakland and that he taught Ivan Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro how to use muscle-building drugs after he moved his operation to Texas in 1992.

All three of his former Rangers teammates quickly refuted the allegations, and McGwire

has repeatedly denied using steroids. Then again, even after Associated Press columnist Steve Wilstein discovered androstenedione sitting in the open on the top shelf of McGwire's locker in 1998 — before baseball banned the steroid precursor — the St. Louis slugger kept insisting that somebody "stuck their nose in my locker." That's not what happened.

What did happen, though, was this: McGwire publicly acknowledged taking androstenedione the day after a club official was asked for comment. But a day earlier, this was what that club official said: "Use the stuff? He

didn't even know how to spell it."

That kind of disinformation has clouded the issue ever since baseballs began flying out of ballparks across the land in alarming numbers. The suits in charge and too many ballplayers, managers and trainers who knew better said the baseballs were wound too tight, the bats were too hard, the new ballparks were too small — just about every explanation was trotted out except the most obvious one. That the ballplayers had become too big.

That, however, was Canseco's explanation — he alleged a few years ago that 80 percent of

major leaguers had taken steroids — and he's sticking to it. Without confirming any of the details, he told The New York Times, "I will give a huge press conference, internationally and worldwide, when the book comes out. I'll answer any questions then."

If anybody else who posted the numbers Canseco did — 462 home runs in a big league career from 1985-2001 — promised to tell all, the hysteria would be more real than imagined. But because Canseco's past words and deeds outside the white lines have inspired so little credibility, this latest salvo is easy

to shrug off. The incidents he will describe likely will be specific enough to ring true, but Canseco is the worst kind of messenger. On top of that, nobody likes a stoolie.

Spring training camps open in a few days, guaranteeing some uncomfortable moments for the players and club executives who will have to answer some tough questions. But it's high time for them to confront the same questions the game's fans have been wrestling with for a while.

How much of the offensive barrage we all witnessed was the natural progression of athletes working smarter and harder, and

how much was simply better hitting through chemistry? And how do we compare the legitimacy of the era that just ended with those that have gone before it?

Those aren't just philosophical queries, either. Before you look up, Barry Bonds will be closing in on Hank Aaron's career mark of 755 home runs and baseball's higher-ups will have to decide how to mark the occasion, or whether to mark it at all.

The only thing we can be sure of is that Canseco won't make the short list of people commissioner Bud Selig seeks out for advice.

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PLAYING BIG: Bowling Green guard Steven Wright takes the ball to the hole against Toledo earlier this season.

Wright on dunk contests and KG

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Dayton native to play more at his natural position, the off-guard.

There, he has seen his field goal percentage rise to over 40 percent from inside the three-point line and over 30 percent from downtown.

Even better news for BG may be Steve's eligibility status. Although the 6-3 guard is currently listed as a junior, on-time graduation would grant Steve another year of college hoops and currently, he is right on track.

Q: With the help from Floyd and Robinson, you haven't had to play the point as much this year. How much do you think that has helped your game?

A: It has changed my game a lot because I can do a lot more cutting and scoring within the offense and helping my team out more.

Q: You're only 6-3 but you can throw it down pretty well. The NBA dunk contest is

coming up soon, if you had one dunk, what would it be?

A: If I had one dunk, I would probably do the Vince Carter under the legs.

Q: A couple of big road tests this week (UT and Kent State), what is the biggest factor to pulling a couple of wins?

A: We have to go in with the mind frame that we're going to play defense, be patient on offense and do the things we need to do to win the game.

Q: If you had to choose one player to start a franchise with from the NBA, who would it be?

A: I would take KG (Kevin Garnett, "Big Ticket"). He's an all around player.

Q: North Carolina and Duke locked up last night in Durham and a lot of people have said that UNC's Rashad McCants is the best player in the country. Who do you think is the best player in the nation?

A: Francisco Garcia (University of Louisville).

By Matt Riddle
SPORTS REPORTER

There is a lot going on in the world of sports in Cleveland, Detroit and Cincinnati.

The Browns have had a big week.

They signed defensive "guru" Romeo Crennel to take over the Browns previously vacant head coaching position. Also, Crennel plans to use the 3-4 defense next season, which will be a new look for the Browns.

The Browns are also hoping to start discussions with free agents Kelly Holcomb and Anthony Henry. There are two hot rumors right now that deal with the Browns. An ESPN analyst on The Dan Patrick Radio Show said on February 8, that the Browns are one of the three front-runners to contact the Vikings about Randy Moss. The Browns are also rumored to be interested in dumping Jeff Garcia possibly to Miami or Detroit.

The Bengals have also had some big decisions to make this upcoming offseason. They need to resign running back Rudi Johnson and receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Both of these young athletes are very important for the future success of the Bengals. The Bengals are feeling pretty good about their team because of their three pro bowlers this season: Rudi Johnson, Chad Johnson and Tony Stewart.

The latest rumor out of Cincinnati has to do with John Kitna. The Bengal's are supposedly looking to deal Kitna before the 2005 NFL Draft. Also it's no secret that the Bengals will look to improve their defensive front in this year's draft. How does Marcus Spears sound?

The biggest deal in Detroit right now doesn't involve free agency as Ford Field will be hosting the Super Bowl next year and this brings tons of attention



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MASKED CRUSADER: LeBron James tries to get the crowd involved at the end of a game against Orlando Saturday.

to the city. The Lions have had consistently great drafts. Last season they drafted three key performers Kevin Jones, Teddy Lehman and Roy Williams.

The Lions will be looking to improve their defense and more importantly focus on stopping the run. The rumor out of "Big D" is that the Lions will actively pursue trading QB, Joey Harrington. In his short tenure with Detroit he hasn't done much, the Lions may wish to bring in a veteran like Jeff Garcia or Drew Bledsoe.

The Cavaliers future is looking a little brighter than the Lions as this week they are celebrating

their two all star's, LeBron and "Z". This is also the first week all season that the Cavs have not been leading in the Central Division. The Cavs are currently 28-19 and looking to go on a winning streak before the All-Star break.

Some trade rumors have been thrown around these past few weeks that have involved the Cavaliers. The Cavs are rumored to be looking at trading Zydrunas Ilgauskas for Baron Davis and Jamaal Magloire or Sasha Pavlovic and Ira Newble for Latrell Sprewell. The Cavs need to make a trade and bring in a veteran guard who can consistently drain the "three."

The Pistons have been even better than the Cavs and have had a great streak of games this past month. They finally caught up to the Cavs and took over first place. The Pistons have one All-Star in forward Ben Wallace, who is making his third straight appearance. They only made their situation better by trading for guard Carlos Arroyo, the Puerto Rican superstar. The Pistons are primed and ready to make a run after the All-Star Break.

In baseball, the Indians had a successful off-season, all around. They brought in pitchers Kevin Millwood and Arthur Rhodes. Don't forget former Indians' slugger Juan Gonzalez. If he can swing a productive bat this team will be dangerous. You also can't forget Aaron Boone and look for Johnny Peralta to slide in and try to make Indians fans forget about Omar Vizquel. Things are starting to look bright again for the Tribe.

Down south, The Reds made a key move a few weeks ago by signing Rich Aurilia. He will fill a hole in the middle infield. The best thing going for the Reds is rising superstar, outfielder Willy Mo Pena. Pena has excellent speed and bat control and is highly coveted. Hopefully Griffey and Casey can stay healthy and help this organization on the right track. The pitching staff is strong with Eric Milton and stud Aaron Harang.

The Tigers made a big trade to get pitcher Kyle Farnsworth. This isn't the biggest move this off-season. The Tigers also introduced slugger Magglio Ordonez on Monday and signed All-Star closer Troy Percival. The Tigers have armed themselves with talent the past two off seasons and with the leadership of Ivan Rodriguez and the emergence of Carlos Pena, they will contend for the Central division crown.

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Buckeyes and Tar Heels fall

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Duke slowed the pace and made North Carolina play a halfcourt game. Under those circumstances, nobody plays better defense than the Blue Devils.

J.J. Redick scored 18 points, DeMarcus Nelson added 16 and No. 7 Duke forced 23 turnovers to hold off the second-ranked Tar Heels 71-70 last night.

North Carolina squandered a chance to win in the final seconds, never getting a shot off after inbounding with 18 seconds left. David Noel dribbled the ball out of bounds just as the buzzer sounded and the Cameron Crazies raced onto the court, celebrating the Blue Devils' 15th victory in the past 18 games in this Tobacco Road rivalry.

Daniel Ewing finished with 15 points and helped the Blue Devils (18-2, 8-2) move into a first-place tie with North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wake Forest trails both by one-half game.

Sean May had 23 points and 18 rebounds for the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2), who couldn't overcome their shoddy ball control. Point guard Raymond Felton had eight turnovers and May added five, and the top assist team in Division I finished with only 10, 11 below its average.

Michigan St. 83, Ohio St. 69
Chris Hill, who has been mired in a shooting slump for over a month, went 8-for-10 from the field and scored 26 points to lead No. 13 Michigan State to an 83-69 victory over Ohio State last night.

Hill was 6-for-7 from 3-point range and made all four of his free throws in the highest scoring game this season for the Spartans (16-4, 7-2 Big Ten).

Maurice Ager, who was bothered by an illness, scored 18 points on 6-for-7 shooting for the Spartans, while Alan Anderson added 16 points and Paul Davis had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Terence Dials was 10-for-18 from the field and had 22 points for the Buckeyes, who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

The Spartans scored the first six points of the second half to take a 47-43 lead and gradually stretched it by outshooting Ohio State 52.2 percent-34.5 percent from the field over the last 20 minutes.

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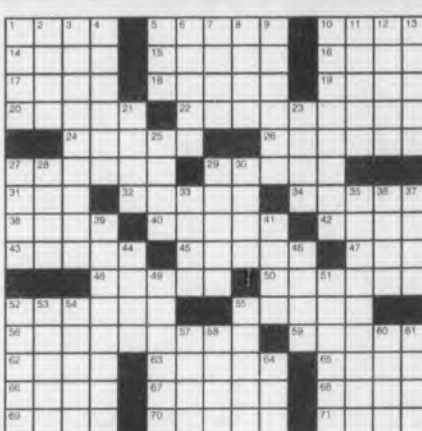
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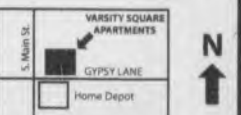
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The mouth may be the place where the physical fun of kissing begins, but the brain is hard at work before the first smudge of lipstick. Reacting to sensory inputs, primarily from the eyes and nose, the brain and spinal cord set in motion a flurry of activity in the hypothalamus and adrenal glands. Their chemical activity spreads throughout the body, affecting almost every organ. Getting the mouth involved engages more muscles and stimulates increased chemical activity.

NOSE:

The nose senses pheromones from your partner, thus increasing or decreasing stimulation. (Some people are never going to smell good to you despite what the ads in certain tabloids might claim!) Most pheromones are blends of chemicals that must be released in precise amounts to function, and they target only members of the same species. Sex-specific smells can possibly raise or lower activity levels of neurons in the hypothalamus.

SKIN:

With the heart and lungs working hard, the skin can redden and become clammy. Sweating helps keep your system from overheating. Chemical messages and increased touching can alter skin sensitivity, which can result in tingling and tickling.

ADRENAL GLANDS:

The thrill of kissing (or any exciting activity) is a major stimulus for these glands, which sit one atop each kidney. Working off chemical cues streaming through the spinal cord, the adrenals start producing and secreting norepinephrine and epinephrine (adrenaline). Norepinephrine is found in the brain, especially the hypothalamus. Like Cupid with a couples quota, norepinephrine swishes around the brain, creating feelings of euphoria. Epinephrine increases heart rate and speeds breakdown of glycogen, the storage form of glucose. The body may need this energy for sex.

STOMACH:

Endorphins might make your brain happy, but they can also set loose big butterflies in your tummy. Digestion is slowed so the body can focus on, uh, more pressing activities.

PANCREAS: To keep your energy from fading, extra sugar is being pumped into the blood from the breakdown of glycogen in the muscles and liver. The pancreas keeps blood sugars in balance through secretion of the hormones insulin and glucagon.

FACIAL MUSCLES

A kiss begins with only a few muscles engaged. As the kiss intensifies, chemical messages stimulate more into action. A simple pucker uses only two muscles, the upper and lower orbicularis oris, but a passionate kiss uses all 34 facial muscles. A serious make-out session engages every muscle and tendon in the body.

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HEART AND LUNGS: Epinephrine and norepinephrine from the adrenal glands cause the heart to beat faster and elevate the blood pressure. This allows more oxygen to be acquired. Breathing may become deep and irregular. During a kiss, the heart can sometimes beat twice as fast as normal. Endorphins can also cause the pulse to race.

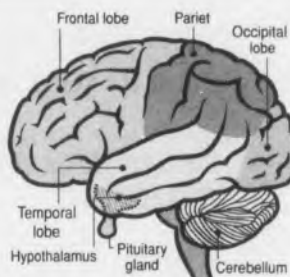
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SEX ORGANS: By now, your body has realized that you aren't politely pecking Aunt Fanny. This can cause a host of sex-prep activities: the vulva, clitoris, penis and nipples fill with blood and become erect; testes draw closer to the body; and glands in the vagina secrete lubricant. Testosterone surges in men and in

BRAIN

As a kiss grows in intensity, neural signals speed from the brain and along the spinal cord, spurring glands and organs into action. Inputs from the cerebral cortex, especially the section called the amygdala, very likely mediate other sensory influences on sexual arousal.

—Hypothalamus: The hypothalamus receives inputs from the cerebral cortex, nose, genitalia and sex hormones in the blood and then sets the level of its neurons' activity accordingly. These neurons then send signals back to areas of the brain that influence sexual behaviors and thoughts. During a kiss, the hypothalamus produces gonadotropin-



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—Neurotransmitters: During pleasurable or

exciting activities, the brain experiences a surge in dopamine, endorphins and phenylethylamine. These neurotransmitters attach to pleasure receptors in the brain, and they create feelings of giddiness and euphoria.

—Endorphins: These neurotransmitters are released when a stressful or painful situation arises. There are three major types of endorphins, but beta endorphins, found primarily in the hypothalamus, give the most euphoric effect to the brain and are the most effective. Besides behaving as a pain regulator, endorphins are thought to be connected to physiological processes including euphoric feelings, appetite modulation and the release of sex hormones.

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Gifts of love

Our features editor looks at what gifts say something special to your special someone

TOP FIVE GIFTS FOR GALS — IT'S IN THE DETAILS

1. Flowers

Flowers are always a great gift for girls. This is a relatively inexpensive and easy gift to buy. The key is to pay attention and find out her favorite flower. Going that extra step and buying her favorite flowers will prove that you really do listen. Shops in town: Klotz Floral Gift and Garden Center 419-353-8381, Kroger Floral Delivery Center 800-576-4377, Bowling Green Florist 419-353-1808.

2. Say and Send Friends

These are small stuffed bears that allow you to record a ten-second message. The 8" bears come in three colors: Chocolate brown, vanilla and honey. They are a perfect way to send a love message to that special girl. Price: \$9.99 www.wildrepublic.com.

3. Lingerie

Every girl likes to feel special and lingerie will do just that. Once again it is important to pay

attention to what she likes. Try buying something in her favorite color. There are many different style options, so it is important to buy something that she will actually wear. If she is more conservative don't buy something crazy, and if she is on the wild side go all out. Have fun with it and if you are completely stumped, the ladies at Victoria's Secret are always helpful.

4. Stress Relief

If your girl is a college student she is probably feeling stressed. She will appreciate a bath and body gift package or better yet a day at a spa. The Gallery Salon and Spa located on Main Street in Bowling Green offers pedicures, manicures and massages, 419-352-4247.

5. Jewelry

Diamonds are a girl's best friend! You can never go wrong with jewelry. White gold is most popular, but tastes vary. Once again pay attention to her likes. Stores often run sales and you can purchase nice pieces for under \$100. Mills Jewelry Store 419-353-1646, Klevers Jewelry 419-353-6691.

TOP 5 GIFTS FOR GUYS- TOYS FOR BOYS

1. Dinner

The path to a guy's heart is through his stomach. Guys like to eat and how often do college guys get a good home cooked meal? Make a romantic dinner for you to enjoy together, complete with candles, a nice bottle of wine and a CD of your favorite music. This site has a lot of great simple recipes for college students: <http://ywconnection.com/Personal%20Progress/pageP-Peasycollegerecipes.html>

2. Movies

Guys love movies. They are able to quote every line of their favorite flick, but can't seem to remember their girlfriend's birthday. So, load up on a few of his favorite DVDs, he will love it. Look for deals on amazon.com.

3. Gift basket of toiletries

Most guys don't like to spend money on toiletries. Make him a basket of things like his favorite

razors, shaving cream, bath soap and a nice bottle of cologne. Suggestions: Acqua Di Gio by Giorgio Armani: \$50.00 (50ml), Gucci Envy by Gucci: \$40.00 (1.7oz), Tommy by Tommy Hilfiger: \$32.00 (1.7oz), Lucky by Liz Claiborne: \$35.00 (1.7oz).

4. Tickets

Buy him tickets to see his favorite sports team or band. Even if you hate baseball or can't stand the music he listens to, buy him tickets for the two of you to go to an event together. Relationships are all about compromises and he will appreciate you taking an interest in what he likes.

Buy tickets online: showmeticket.com and ticketmaster.com

5. Electronics

Guys love gadgets. From accessories for his car to MP3 players and speakers for his pad you can't go wrong buying him electronics. Check out overstock.com for ridiculously low prices.

Compiled by Features Editor

Many find different definitions of love

By Tiffani McKenzie
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

"Love is Michael Bolton with a nice candlelit dinner and curly hair," according to Nick Salter, graduate psychology student.

Webster's Dictionary defines love as "A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness."

The Web site psychology.about.com defines it as "An ambivalent feeling — a blissful joy when one is with the beloved, a painful sickness and torture when lovers are separated."

No matter what definition of love one chooses to believe, Valentine's Day is approaching along with the season of spring, and many may feel that love is in the air.

But do holidays and seasons really affect one's feelings of love?

Salter seems to think so.

"I think that in general with the terrible cold weather, it brings down anybody's enthusiasm."

"When the leaves die, so does love," Salter said.

Salter does feel that Valentine's Day makes individuals think more about their feelings in a romantic sense.

"I think Valentine's Day they kind of realize that they're only interested in these people," Salter said. However, Salter feels the real time for love is in the beginning of the fall semester when everything is new.

"You're fresh from summer and you feel like you can do anything. You don't realize you're foolishly falling into this trap," Salter said.

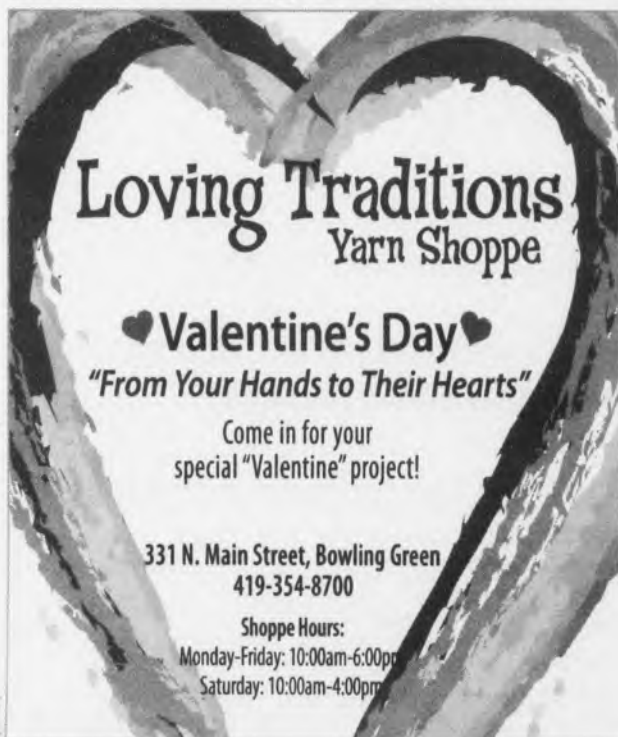
So really, what is love anyway?

While there's no clear definition of love, psychologists still study it. According to Salter, studying love is not as exciting as some may think it would be.

"It's honestly pretty boring how they study love."

"They'll have you fill out surveys. Sometimes they'll have you and your partner come in."

"In the office, we're pretty dull in the realms of love," Salter said.



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Ancient Rome holds mystery of Valentine

By Britney Lee
REPORTER

Every year students celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th, often without thinking much about it. But someone had to celebrate the holiday first.

"Valentine is shrouded in mystery," said Professor of Popular Culture Jack Santino.

Santino has done extensive research on celebrations and holidays. His published works are available at the Jerome Library.

Many believe that the middle of February is a time of fertility. In ancient Rome, men slapped women with goat skin to promote fertility on what we now celebrate as Valentine's Day.

There are many legends behind the exact origin of Valentine's Day, most taking place in Rome.

These legends can be read in Santino's book "All Around the Year."

In one legend, Saint Valentine was a priest who secretly married

soldiers when the emperor had forbidden marriage. He was sentenced to death, and the holiday we now know was to celebrate his efforts.

Another legend says that a man named Valentine, who was in jail for helping Christians in trouble, fell in love with the jailor's blind daughter. When he sent her a love letter, her eyesight came back.

He had signed the card "From your Valentine," creating the first Valentine and a reason to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Others say, that Valentine's Day originated from Lupercalia, which is a Roman celebration. At the celebration men would draw a woman's name and become paired up with her until the next Lupercalia.

This celebration was also where the goat skin slapping took place.

Regardless of which legend is true, Valentine's Day originated in Rome and one of its most notable symbols is Cupid. Cupid can be recognized

from Roman mythology as the God of Love.

"Cupid the archer was originally seen as a young man, but we picture him as a baby today," said Santino. "This reduction of Cupid to a baby might be related to a New Year's symbolism deeply underlying Valentine's Day."

Though the history of Valentine's Day dates back to 270 A.D., its evolution has created a holiday that will be celebrated for centuries to come.

Starting with lace trinkets and poems, the common Valentine has emerged into today's barrage of cards, candy, flowers and jewelry.

Giving valentines may have started from pulling names from a hat in Ancient Rome, according to Santino, but the underlying celebration was one of fertility, sexuality and love.

The holiday's colors — red and white — represent passion and purity.

"Valentines today reflect the

VALENTINE CARD HISTORY FUN FACTS

Historians believe that the first Valentine poem was created by Charles, Duke of Orleans, who was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

According to the Greeting Card Association it is estimated that more than 1 billion Valentine cards are sent out each year.

Esther A. Howland began selling the first large amount of Valentine cards in the United States in the 1840s.

In the years of 1906 through 1916 big

name card companies hit the market such as Hallmark and American Greetings.

"Penny Dreadfuls" were insulting Valentine cards that came about in the 1800s.

The very first Valentines were not made of paper they were constructed from lace, trinkets and ribbons.

Valentine's day is the second largest card sending holiday, following behind Christmas.

During the Roaring '20s some valentines were shaped like tomatoes, which were considered 'love apples.'

realities of contemporary social life, including single parent families, couples who live together but are not married, and gay and lesbian relationships," Santino said.

This Valentine's Day, to be historically festive, couples can get close to some goat skin and make a lace valentine. Or to be more contemporary, there is always Hallmark.

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Valentine's Day can equal disappointment



**CHELSEA
SNYDER**
Opinion editor

It's that time of year again — that special time when couples reaffirm their love by breaking their teeth on Necco candy hearts, amping the "Obnoxiously Cute Stuffed Bear" economy and let their resentment for each other boil underneath the surface for one more day.

I myself have never truly enjoyed the holiday, since I've never had a significant other to share it with. That, and the restraining order from Orlando Bloom is usually a real downer this time of year. (No restraining order will stop my love, Orlando, DO YOU HEAR ME?)

Normally I manage to stifle my loneliness at such fine establishments as SkyBar with the false hopes that the drunken, horny men there truly love me (and by the way, gentlemen — thank you). But for the

first time in my lonely existence, and much to my own amazement, I have a boyfriend on Valentine's Day. Guess SkyBar's out another \$4 this year.

While I've never claimed to be the goddess of love (okay, so maybe I have, and I don't understand why that pickup line doesn't work), I've never quite understood why I've never had a valentine. I'm not an ogre, I have a charming and witty personality and I typically remember to bathe, brush my teeth and shave my beard. Yet every year, I find myself alone with my Ben and Jerry's, quietly cutting and pasting magazine letters to form love letters to my soul mate, Orlando. (Did you get my last one, darling?)

But this year is different! Finally, for the first time, I have a boyfriend with whom to celebrate this wondrous holiday of love. Granted, he has his faults ... and he's not always considerate ... and he doesn't bathe ... and maybe today, he'll remember my name.

But who am I kidding?

"This is the one day of the year that we women can hope to be rewarded for our tolerance."

Valentine's Day is simply another trap we women lay out for men. Flowers? Stuffed animals? Chocolate? Ladies, who are we trying to fool? We all know these are all just traps we lay for the men in our lives, to determine how much they love us and how much thought they actually put into their last-minute trip to Meijer to grab whatever was the shiniest on the Valentine's Day display.

Valentine's Day, despite all its sentimental value, is a day that we can finally see the big picture. This is the one day of the year that we women can hope to be rewarded for our tolerance. For all those times we bit our tongues when you ignored our story of daily drama and turned on the GameCube. For the times we found pornography links

to barnyardfetish.com in your Internet history. For the times we found you in bed with our morally-casual roommate. This is our day, ladies.

Which brings us to Valentine's Day — the one day of the year when romance hangs in the air like a cloud of post-nuclear holocaust radiation, but slightly less deadly. This is the one day of the year when the passionate game is played. The male relentlessly chases his female of choice while she plays hard-to-get, batting her eyelashes and giggling. While the invention of the chloroform-soaked rag has made this game much easier, it is still a lovers' tradition that is as old as we can remember.

So fellas, what can you do to marginally repay your debt to womankind? One word: diamonds.

It's true. For the most part, men are completely worthless and totally devoid of any redeeming value whatsoever, except for your capacity to give away shiny diamonds in bulk.

If you are lucky, you'll only

have to buy one for Christmas, Valentine's Day, our birthday and our anniversary. With second and third jobs, you should be able to pay off the diamonds in a couple dozen years.

Think I'm just being cynical? Take that DeBeers ad where the couple is in Europe, and they guy starts screaming, "I love this woman!" Her immediate reaction is along the lines of, "Shut up, you embarrassing dolt!"

Ah, but how her reaction changes when he presents her with a diamond. Her eyes light up and her response morphs into, "Oh, I used to think you were a complete idiot, but you gave me a diamond. I love you now!"

Some say my standards are too high. Those who know my boyfriend say they aren't high enough. At any rate, I get the sneaking suspicion after having written this column that ultimately, I'm going to find myself disappointed yet again.

Gentlemen, I look forward to seeing you all at SkyBar Monday night.



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MATT SUSSMAN

Not News editor

Hello, again. You're listening to Why Women are Weird News in conjunction with Spike TV, all 18 ESPN channels, and sponsored in part by every beer company in the world.

Our top story: Girls around the nation anxiously await Valentine's Day presents from their boyfriends. According to Hallmark, Valentine's Day is the day when you tell that special person how much they mean to you ... by buying them a heart-shaped box full of chocolate. Researchers say that the shape of the box is symbolic in that the chocolate will eventually end up in the real heart, and stay there for an indefinite, guilt-free period of time.

Said one girl, "This is the only time I let my boyfriend buy me a lot of chocolate. If he buys me this much any other time of the year, I assume he thinks I'm fat."

This just in: A girl has inexplicably gone off on her boyfriend. Eyewitnesses reported her screaming "I can't believe I ever loved you!" to an unidentified pale-faced man.

"You didn't do anything nice for me for Valentine's Day!" she yelled in public for all to hear. "You don't care about me! You think I'm ugly, don't you? You're probably fooling around with my roommate, aren't you? Oh, you slept with her when I went home for the weekend — I knew it all along! My horoscope was right!"

Clearly, love is not in the air for everyone on this day.

In sports: A girl resented her boyfriend for watching a basketball game on television. The Cleveland Cavaliers/Detroit Pistons game, which was in the fourth quarter and tied at 96, was of no importance to the female. "Why do you have to, like, watch it when I'm here?" she asked.

"C'mon, baby, there's only a minute left," the guy replied. He quickly turned to the TV and yelled "Dude, why aren't you passing it to LeBron? He's the best player ever! DUDE! Get

Lebron the ball! He can dunk it or shoot it from outside! Nooo! Stupid Cavs, of course you'd turn it over now!"

The girl sighed and went into the other room to call her best friend. "I mean," she said, "he could have, like, watched the highlights on SportsCenter, right? Or checked the score online? Like, instead, he just sat there all night, right? And he didn't even acknowledge my existence! God, does he even love me anymore?"

I know what you're thinking. Yes, the Cavaliers lost by three points.

I've just been handed an update on a previous story we broke earlier — It appears the girl has calmed down after the bouquet of flowers, candy hearts, chocolate and jewelry arrived late. Sources say the girl reversed her previous statements about her boyfriend, and was quoted as saying: "You're the best guy in

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the world! I knew you were going to get me something great! I love you so much, and ... oh, yellow roses! You know yellow's my favorite! You do listen to me! Oh, my mom was wrong about you! I knew it all along! Oh, wait till I get you inside ..."

It seems another happy couple has reaped the benefits of St. Valentine's Day.

Now let's look at the weather. It's pretty cold out there. People are bundled up and wearing

coats. All the guys out there know it's cold, but it seems the girls don't know that. They continue to announce to their male counterparts just how cold it is, and how they can't stand Bowling Green winters. "Omigod, it's — so — cold out here!" the girls all say in unison, as if previously rehearsed. Meteorologists say that the girls' mere acknowledgment of the temperature doesn't make it any warmer. Contrary, it actually makes it colder, since all their talking adds cold wind to the already frigid atmosphere.

And finally, feminists across the nation gather around to burn area jerk writer Matt Sussman in effigy. Studies show this is a good way to purify the souls of the good and to smite the hearts of the wicked.

Said one girl who takes herself too seriously, "Mr. Sussman has written too many bad things about women for too long! His jokes are the result of years of rejection, and it's his own damn fault. Instead, he's taking it out on us. Like that's mature."

Sussman was unavailable for comment, but his spokesperson released this statement: "I don't hate girls. I poke fun because I love. If you want anti-guy humor, look to someone like Chelsea Snyder or any episode of 'Desperate Housewives.'"

From all of us here at Why Women are Weird News, we wish you a happy and safe Valentine's Day. Hope you got her something good this year, or don't bother talking to her for a while.

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Local centers, businesses welcome holiday

By Laren Weber
SENIOR REPORTER

The products sold around most holiday seasons do not usually change; Christmas trees at Christmas, pumpkins at Halloween, rabbits at Easter. But Valentine gifts have varied through the years.

The Wood County Historical Society is sponsoring an extensive collection of vintage valentines to display the transformation over the years, said Kelli Kling, assistant to the director at the WCHS.

"We have so many of them and they're so beautiful and unique that we want to share them with the public," she said.

The concept of Valentine's Day originated in Europe and a large portion of the valentines are German and European.

The oldest piece in the exhibit dates back to the 1800s and the most recent piece is from the 1950s.

There are cards in the exhibit from the World War II era that are geared towards people in the military.

"You can look at valentines and track history," Kling said.

The pieces are donated from residents from all over Wood County.

People generally donate their items to the museum because they know they'll be in the collection and will be properly preserved, she said.

Compared to the brightly colored cartoon filled valentines of today, the vintage ones are unique and were created with materials like lace and leather.

"Whoever put them together took a lot of time, they weren't mass produced like today," Kling said.

Kling noticed that the older valentines were larger and took all kinds of shapes. Today the messages have become much more simplified, compared to the vintage valentines that resembled characteristics of greeting cards, she said.

The exhibit is on display through Feb. 28 at the Wood County Public Library. The case housing all the valentines is located in the Church Street entrance of the library.

Local shops in Bowling Green that sell valentine's items have experienced changes in the types of gifts sold around the holiday throughout their years in business as well.

The arts and crafts store, Ben Franklin, was established in Bowling

Green in 1967 and the most coveted valentine's item 29 years ago was chocolate.

"It was all about chocolate back then," said Amy CrastAhrens, manager at family-owned For Keeps, which also owns the city's Ben Franklin store.

A recent trend within the past five years that CrastAhrens has noticed is more parents giving their children Valentine's Day gifts, which is a tradition she didn't experience as a child.

Also, with the economy as tough as it is right now, people look for gifts that are decently priced.

"People want the best value," CrastAhrens said. "Something that looks expensive, but is cheap."

In business since 1993, the styles of Valentine's gifts at Gen's Hallmark have modernized, said Michele Ammons, store manager.

The store has generally always sold candy, plush and chocolate items around Valentine's Day and that hasn't changed.

But what has changed are the cards becoming more elaborate with lace

and ribbon decor and microchips inserted in them, Ammons said.

Hallmark gift cards have also been a big sell at the store since they were introduced two years ago.

"It's a quick, easy gift. If you don't know what to get someone, get them a gift card," she said.

Hearts have always been a popular gift around Valentine's Day for Mills Jewelry, which has been in business for the past 57 years.

The popularity of heart jewelry may have remained constant at the store, but the trend in metals has shifted.

"When I started out, everything was yellow gold and the trend has changed to white gold," said Diane Haslinger, owner.

Two flower shops in town have seen the preference for traditional rose arrangements switch to mixed arrangements.

Klotz Floral Gift and Garden Centre, in business since 1918, sold boxed flowers, vased flowers and roses were the most requested item around the holiday years ago, said the Centre's

owner, Rita Klotz.

"Now people go for more mixed arrangements that have more of a Spring look to them," she said.

Klotz now sells singing balloons and singing stuffed animals along with candy, which they didn't sell years ago, Klotz said.

The Flower Basket has undergone the same sorts of changes in floral gifts during its 21 years in business going from roses to mixed arrangements, said Maryann Gibson, owner.

Also, a recent and interesting trend is women getting men flowers for Valentine's Day, she said.

In front of a crowd they may deny their appreciation of the flowers, but they actually do like getting flowers, Gibson said.

The businesses in the area — most around for more than 20 years — have seen the progression of valentine gifts through the years, but one thing has remained constant, the meaning behind the holiday.

The typical rose bouquet may have changed to an array of flowers and the trend of yellow gold may have been replaced by white gold, but the love and care that surrounds Valentine's Day has not changed.

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By Miranda Bond

FEATURES EDITOR

You have racked your brain for weeks and have searched high and low for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your significant other. Flowers, cards and candy are always traditional favorites but a novel may be the perfect way to spice up the holiday.

Yournovel.com allows couples to star in their own romance novel. Customers have 17 book settings where they can act out their fantasy. Settings range from the exotic beaches of Tahiti to a dude ranch in the wild west. Each novel comes in a wild or mild version.

"When you have been together for a while, it's like what do you buy your partner," said J.S. Fletcher, co-creator of yournovel.com. "I buy my wife, Kathy, lingerie but it gets worn one or two times and we never see it again."

Fletcher and co-creator Kathy Newbern say that their novels go beyond the normal Valentine's Day gift because they bring couples together by allowing them to escape into a fantasy, while reminding them to appreciate each other.

They are thankful that they acted on their idea to create personalized romance ideas. Both Newbern and Fletcher have a background in writing. Newbern worked as a journalist and in public relations and Fletcher has been writing novels since he did his master's work here at Bowling Green. Fletcher graduated from Bowling Green in 1978.

"One of the really cool things about our books is that through words we kind of suggest things like a guy will look at the woman and say 'I know how hard you work, and I don't get to tell you what a great job you are doing,'" Fletcher said.

Often times couples read the books out loud to one another. The novels allow them to say things that they normally wouldn't have time in their busy lives to say.

Newbern and Fletcher hope that the couples will get the hint that they should show their appreciation more often.

They say that their books are about romance, but are also about strengthening relationships.

Fletcher and Newbern take time to work on their own relationship on a daily basis.

"We work more than the average couple on love," Fletcher said. "We take bubble baths together, we light candles at dinner. We try to make every day special because everyday is special"

They say taking these extra steps

helps their relationship to remain strong, even though they work together everyday in their home. They each have their own desks in their home office where they do their writing.

They write travel articles as well as run yournovel.com. They said that they get most of their material for the novels based on their trips that they take to write articles.

Writing the novels allows them to combine their passions and spend time together.

The idea came to the couple

during a four hour car ride home from a public relations conference.

One of Newbern's friends had mentioned that it would be great if people could star in their own romance novels.

During the car ride they decided that they could make that happen and began sketching out their ideas on the back of a manilla folder. Since then they have sold over 100,000 books.

"The cool part about the end result of that story is that we had an idea and we acted on that idea," Fletcher said.

"We are like Nike commercials — just do it," added Newbern.

She explained that their process for writing the novels has changed since they first began writing them in 1992. When they wrote the first books they would both sit at the computer together and talk back and forth. After thirteen years they are able to write different sections independently. Fletcher mostly writes about the adventure scenes and restaurant scenes. They both write the sexy parts.

"I don't think the reader can tell

when one writer starts and one ends," said Newbern.

Books can be purchased through yournovel.com by answering 26 personality questions that allow the authors to personalize each novel. They are priced at \$49.95 and after the order is placed it takes 10 days for it to be made and shipped.

The couple said that they enjoy running their business over the Internet.

"They call us computerized cupid," said Newbern. "I think that is such a great job description."

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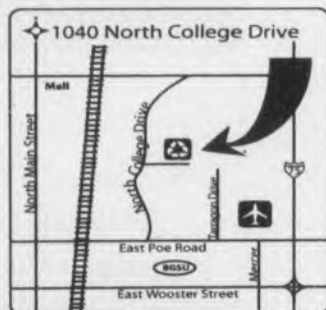


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Silver Screen *on the* Pinkest Day

By Tiffani McKenzie
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

There is nothing like a good love story to get you in the mood for Valentine's Day. So rent one of these top 10 Valentine's Day movies, snuggle up with your hunny and feel the love.

1. Down to You
2. Notting Hill
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Stores show 'naughty' side

By Angela L. Gorter
MANAGING EDITOR

Sure, there are chocolates, roses and candlelight dinners to woo a loved one on Valentine's Day. But this year, why not spice it up a bit and give him or her something naughty instead of nice.

Surrounding the Bowling Green area, there are a few shops that can satisfy the seductress in all of us.

The Shed on Wooster and Cupid's Closet in Toledo are only two "naughty and nice" shops for couples and singles.

With items such as massage oils, Kama Sutra kits and love swings these places have become the "it" shops for college students on Valentine's Day.

"Sales definitely go up during Valentine's Day," Lia Ricci, manager of The Shed in Bowling Greensaid. "More than Christmas, because at Christmas, the college kids aren't here."

For this holiday, it's all about pleasing your significant other. That is why romantic kits for couples are the most popular item in February.

It is called the Bed of Roses and includes silk roses and bubbles with hidden messages inside.

"Inside each bubble are pink slips. Each has an action written on them, ranging from things like a neck massage to something a little more explicit. It adds a little more play to the

"All of our staff is very knowledgeable. There are a lot of questions that college kids may have — we all consider ourselves therapists around here."

BEVERLY HARTING,
CUPID'S CLOSET MANAGER

night," Ricci said.

These shops give those couples 18 and older a chance to be, well, less traditional on the most romantic holiday of the year.

"Everyone from college students to couples that have been married for 50 years come in," Ricci said. "Some people can be as sexy as they want to get."

But, for those first timers who have yet to experience a shop that offers gift baskets full of massage oils and edible underwear rather than full of chocolate bunnies and carnations, it's okay — the experts understand.

"All of our staff is very knowledgeable. There are a lot of questions that college kids may have — we all consider ourselves therapists around here," Beverly Harting, manager of Cupid's Closet in Woodville Mall in Toledo

said?

A major question that both Ricci and Harting hear most often is from their male clientele, however.

"We get the guy coming in whose really trying to do something special for this time of year," Ricci said.

And it's all about the ladies at Cupid's Closet. The Diving Dolphin, their most popular item at any time of the year, is a sexy fix for men looking to please their lady and keep her smiling for days.

How naughty the relationship enhancer is, depends on the person, Ricci said. If a massage takes too much time, then burn some incense during dinner to set the mood. Just make sure that it is romantic, and all about the two of you.

So hurry — Harting said that the buying frenzy for Valentine's Day has already begun, and will not end until Feb. 14.

For more on these shops visit www.secretdrawer.net or www.cybershed.com.

Looking for more naughty shops in the area? Try the Lion's Den Superstore in Findlay, or Déjà Vu in Toledo.

'Just say no'? Not with an excuse of diamond

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I wouldn't want to say it's easy being a woman.

If I did, I'd probably get strung up by my own small intestine before I even finished this column.

But when it comes to dating, women who have it good often suffer an embarrassment of Riches ... and Davids and Henrys and Chucks.

It seems some women get so much attention from admiring menfolk they have been forced to devise a way to weed out some of the less-suitable suitors.

While there are women who would love the extra attention, those who are subjected to that onslaught have found that more is not always better when it comes to finding Mr. Right. So in order to keep some of the wolves of dating at bay, these princesses of popularity picked up on the fake engagement ring.

The New York Post recently reported that these faux rocks are the accessories of the season for fashionable ladies who just want to be left alone.

They drop \$10 on a gaudy stone, apply to left ring finger and watch as one-time pursuers fade into the background.

One woman told the Post that she no longer has any trouble walking past leering/howling construction workers. When the guys stop shoveling dirt and start shoveling lines, she just flashes her ring and the curtain falls.

Of course, this raises the question: Why don't these women wear wedding bands? But I guess if you're going for the fake-out, you might as well do it with the style that only a diamond can bring.

While I admire any innovation that makes single life easier, I wonder if these young ladies realize that not only may they be chasing away Mr. Wrong, their two-carat fake may also be dissuading real catches from making passes.

Let's face it: It would be mad-

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Talking *to the* birds

We chat with Freddie about life and love

By Audrey Weber
REPORTER

As Feb. 14 approaches, love is in the air not only across campus, but also for one of BGSU's favorite feathered friends. Freddie Falcon recently spoke with the BG News and offered advice and experience to the campus community in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Q. What are your plans for this Valentine's Day, and what have you done in the past?

A. No major plans for Valentine's Day, but if anyone would like to take a Falcon out for a nice dinner that would always be Falconrific!

Q. What is the best Valentine's Day present you have given and/or received?

A. Well, I gave gum to somebody once! Surprisingly no one has really given me anything. This could always change this year! WINK WINK

Q. What is your favorite love song to celebrate this holiday?

A. "Hey Baby," played by the BGSU Marching Band.

Q. What gift giving advice would you give to students for Valentine's Day?

A. All females should buy their men something very nice and extravagant! As for me I enjoy anything exciting at all.

Q. If you could have any celebrity as your Valentine, who would it be?

A. Minnie Mouse! That would just be a fine time! But would a mouse and a falcon be able to coexist?

Q. Do you plan on adding some "love" color to your outfits for Valentine's Day?

A. You never know what this crazy bird will add to his outfit at any time!

Q. What is the biggest mistake a



By Vince Gargiulo BG News

FESTIVE FALCONS: Freddie and Frieda Falcon enjoy getting dressed up for the holiday. Freddie has not made plans for Valentine's Day, but is taking offers.

person can make on Valentine's Day, when it comes to their partner?

A. The biggest mistake one could make would be to forget about them!!

Q. If you don't have a Valentine, what do you suggest people do instead?

A. Come hang out with ME!

Q. Which should people do: Buy gifts or make them?

A. Make them. It adds more meaning! Unless it is for me — then buy, buy buy!

Q. For Valentine's Day: Red and pink or orange and brown?

A. ORANGE AND BROWN!!!

Sweet candy hearts

Each year, the New England Confectionery Company, NECCO, produces 8 billion candy Conversation Hearts for Valentine's Day.

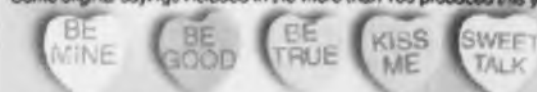
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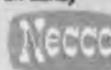
■ Late 1860s: "Motto" candies became popular when sayings printed on colored paper were placed in "Cookies," small crisp candies.

■ 1866: Daniel Chase, brother of NECCO's founder, invents process for printing sayings on candy.

■ 1902: First candy hearts manufactured; early candies in various shapes, such as postcards, baseballs, horseshoes.

■ 2002: Spanish-language candy hearts introduced regionally in 1981, sold nationwide in United States.

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Products may eventually kill love

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ness for any guy to hit on a woman who is wearing an enormous jewel. As far as I can tell, most women who sport engagement rings are so proud of their new accessory you don't even have to see the ring to know they're spoken for.

Frankly, there are enough honestly engaged women in the world who are off-limits that it seems unfair for women to muddy the waters of dating just because they hate to tell a guy to buzz off.

Fortunately for men who have fallen victim to the fake engagement ring dupe and who spend their nights cold, lonely and without a tender woman's lap on which to lay their head, the "lap pillow" has been introduced in Tokyo.

Manufactured by Trane KK, the lap pillow resembles the look and feel of a woman's lap in a mini-skirt. According to the company, which sells the dolls for under \$100, single

men have taken an instant liking to the pillows, and they have already shipped about 3,000 of them.

With innovative ideas such as the fake engagement ring and the fake woman's lap, it looks as if society is making strides toward segregating the sexes so much that our grandkids will want to huddle around the fireside when we're old and listen to tales about the archaic ritual of "dating." That is, if we are able to get up off our fake women's laps long enough to go out and find a woman who's not wearing a faux engagement ring and might be interested in joining us for a cup of coffee sometime.

(Eric Edwards, who's going to invent the fake BMW that is guaranteed to make the fake engagement ring go back in the purse, writes for *The Orlando Sentinel*. He can be reached at *The Orlando Sentinel*, 633 N. Orange Ave., MP 240, Orlando, Fla., 32801. Send e-mail to eedwards@orlandosentinel.com.)